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FIRE SERVICE FEELS HEAT OF CUTS

A TOTAL of 215 fire fighting posts could be lost across Hampshire over the next four years in cuts proposed by the fire service's risk review.

By **Christian Wilson**
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The changes come as Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service looks to save £12.2 million in answer to cuts imposed throughout public services across the country.

Basingstoke Fire Station in West Ham Close is among those that would be affected.

The number of firefighters would be reduced from 33 to 25, and a third of its fire engines are set to be replaced by a rapid response vehicle in savings of over £450,000.

A Hampshire-wide public consultation began on Monday to give residents the chance to have their say on the proposals and to decide the future of their fire service.

Hampshire Fire and Rescue approved the proposals to go to consultation last week following a comprehensive review of its services. The authority's chairman and Hampshire county councillor Chris Carter assured residents their safety remains their "absolute priority".

Cllr Carter said: "The proposals help us to provide a more effective service, whilst also assisting us with our financial challenges.

"While there may be changes to the way we provide our services, the safety of the public and our firefighters remains our absolute priority.

"As council tax payers, the Hampshire public are our customers and so it is right we give them a voice in how their fire service looks in the future."

Changes will also see staff at stations at Tadley, Whitchurch, Odiham and Overton each cut from 12 to 10.

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Pride of Basingstoke

BEGGARWOOD superdad Mike Wilson has been recognised for his charity work by being named one of the UK's top fundraisers as part of the Pride of Britain awards.

'Spiderdad' made the top four for the Local Fundraiser Of The Year award for his work raising money for children's hospice Naomi House.

The Sutton Scotney-based centre helped care for Mike's family following the tragic death of his five-year-old son Jayden from a brain tumour last Christmas Eve.

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Leader calls for Labour unity

BASINGSTOKE Labour group's leader has urged his party not to become a "party of protest" following Jeremy Corbyn's victory in the leadership vote.

By **Christian Wilson**
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The new leader of the opposition achieved more than 250,000 votes in a stunning 59 per cent victory on Saturday – a majority higher than that achieved by former Prime Minister Tony Blair in 1994.

But Corbyn's left-wing policies have drawn criticism from inside his own party, with Basingstoke and Deane Borough councillor Gary Watts (pictured) previously warning that the 66-year-old's election could "set the party back 30 years".

Despite voting for rival candidate Yvette Cooper for the position however, Cllr Watts has vowed to put his differences in opinion with Corbyn to one side for the sake of the party.

"I'm not disappointed, it's democracy, and that's just the way it is," he said.

"I backed Yvette Cooper to win, but she didn't and so now I have to roll my sleeves up and get on with it.

"Only time will tell whether he does lead us back to the bad times of the 1980s."

He added: "We mustn't become a party of protest for left wing causes though, we must be a broad church that represents the majority of the British public."

As previously reported in the Observer, more than 200 new members have joined the Labour party in Basingstoke since May's elections – something the councillor for South Ham ward put down to the publicity generated by Corbyn.

And Cllr Watts is confident that the rise in popularity will now continue following Saturday's result.

He added: "I was a bit surprised he won so convincingly, but it's now clear that members want a new direction for the party and have had enough of spin.

"I don't agree with a lot of what he says, but it's all about the greater good of the nation, and we'll have to wait for the dust to settle before judging him.

"I'm not worried about the future, as a lot of young people and relapsed members are joining the party.

"We must now rally behind the new leadership and fight the real enemy – this Tory government which is going to punish the poorest in our society for the economic crisis."

Refurbished hospice holds open day

MORE than 1,000 people got their first glimpse of newly refurbished children's hospice Naomi House and Jacksplace at an open day on Saturday.

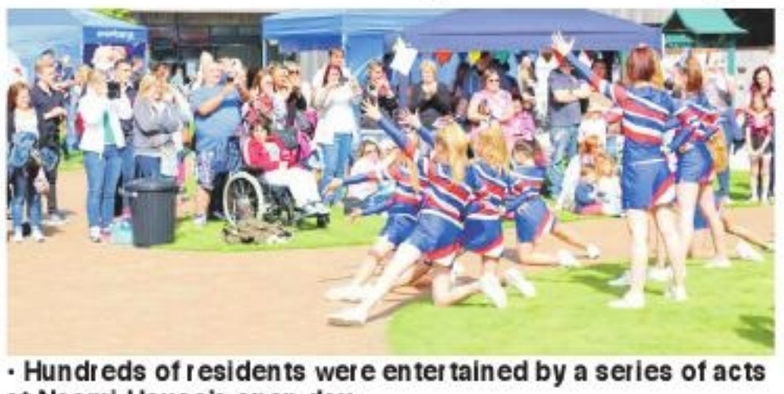
A total of £10,000 was raised from the event to support the continued development of the centre in Sutton Scotney, which needs to raise £7 million each year as running costs.

Members of the public were treated to a range of live acts and entertainers throughout the family day, while volunteers dressed as Star Wars characters and Elsa from Frozen, among others, were on hand to meet the youngsters.

Chief executive of Naomi House Mark Smith said: "I am delighted that so many people came to support us and look around our fantastic new hospice.

"We are totally dependent on the generosity of individuals, businesses and community groups, so it is essential that we are visible in the community, and that people have the opportunity to see for themselves our facilities and the work we do."

The £4m work on the hospice, which offers care to children with life-limiting conditions, took 19 months to complete.



• Hundreds of residents were entertained by a series of acts at Naomi House's open day

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Homes plan

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: Plans for the first phase of a development to bring 475 homes to an area between Chineham and Bramley have been submitted to Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

A planning inspector approved the plans for the site off Cufaude Lane last September, following an appeal by developers Croudace Homes Limited after permission had been refused a year earlier.

The first phase of the development has been named Vyne Park, and includes provisions for 143 new homes, with 58 being categorised as affordable housing.

Council meeting

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's cabinet is set to meet later this month.

Council leader Clive Sanders will chair the meeting alongside fellowmembers Terri Reid, Cathy Osselton, John Izett, Mark Ruffell, Hayley Eachus and Robert Tate.

The meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 29 from 6.30pm at the council's civic offices in London Road.

Walk challenge

HAMPSHIRE: People from across the county are being urged by Hampshire County Council to get more active by taking part in a charity walking challenge later this month.

Living Streets' Walk Challenge will encourage people of all shapes and sizes to walk as many miles as possible throughout the working week between Monday, September 28 and Friday, October 2.

Executive member for health and public health Cllr Patricia Stallard said: "You can log your walks to see how they all add up to burn calories - not only will people feel themselves getting fitter but they will be helping to reduce CO2 omissions."

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Spiderdad receives national recognition

A BEGGARWOOD dad has spoken of his pride at being nominated for a prestigious national award.

By **Christian Wilson**
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Mike Wilson has been singled out as one of the country's top fundraisers after being selected in the top four for a Pride of Britain award.

The 33-year-old has won a place in the hearts of the nation through his relentless campaigning to raise money following the tragic death of his five-year-old son Jayden from a brain tumour on Christmas Eve last year.

Sadly the man known to many by his superhero persona Spiderdad won't be attending the ceremony later this month after narrowly missing out on the Local Fundraiser Of The Year Award.

But the Basingstoke free runner has vowed to carry on doing his bit to raise funds for Sutton Scotney-based children's hospice Naomi House – who provided support to his family during Jayden's illness.

"This isn't about me, this is about something much bigger," said Mike.

"I consider myself a messenger from Jayden and just another fundraiser – it's all down to him.

"I can't stop now, it's become a real passion for me."

The dad-of-two became an internet star last year as a video of him surprising Jayden on his birthday dressed as his favourite superhero Spiderman was viewed more than 10 million times on YouTube.

Since then, Mike has raised more than £25,000 through a series of activities, and is set to climb Mount Kilimanjaro next Thursday in an attempt to add £14,400 to that tally.

Naomi House marketing manager Keith Wilson said: "Of course we're sad that Mike hasn't got further, but we know he won't quit his fundraising.

"We truly are indebted to him."

Mike added: "I'm so proud to have been recognised alongside the incredible people that will be in that room at the ceremony.

"I'm naturally a bit disappointed, but the exposure brought to the charity by this has been priceless.

"I know that Jayden is proud of me, wherever he is, and I know that he'll be smiling and playing with his granddad."

· Mike Wilson, pictured with wife Lou and daughter Ella at Basingstoke's 'A Place To Be Proud Of Awards' in June

· Five-year-old Jayden Wilson lost his battle with a brain tumour on Christmas Eve last year

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War memorial

BASINGSTOKE: A special service marking the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Britain will be held in Basingstoke tomorrow.

A wreath will be laid as part of the service at the War Memorial in London Road from 11am, while there will then be a reception afterwards at Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's civic offices.

RAF Association Chaplain Arthur Botham will lead the service, which is open for members of the public to attend.

Real ale

BASINGSTOKE: Basingstoke pub The Maidenhead Inn has been acclaimed for the quality of its real ale after being listed in nationwide organisation Campaign for Real Ale's (CAMRA) Good Beer Guide for 2016.

Members of the local branch for the group chose the Wetherspoon pub in Winchester Street following regular visits that took into account customer service, décor and overall atmosphere.

Wear it pink

BASINGSTOKE: MP Maria Miller has urged residents to get involved in Breast Cancer Now's flagship fundraiser Wear It Pink on Friday, October 23.

Over £2 million is raised each year through the event, which encourages people to wear something pink and donate cash for cancer research.

Mrs Miller joined her fellow members of parliament in support of the charity by dressing in pink in Westminster on Monday.

Consultation launched on fire service cuts

• *From front page*

Kingsclere Fire Station in George Street will also see the number of full-time firefighters drop from 12 to eight.

Basingstoke residents are being urged to take part in the 12-week consultation either by completing an online questionnaire, or by attending a public meeting at their local station on Monday, October 19.

Hampshire Fire and Rescue chief officer Dave Curry said: "In light of the changes across Hampshire and potential financial challenges, it is vital that we remain relevant, become more efficient and provide the people of Hampshire with a first class service.

"The people of Hampshire now have the chance to make their voice heard on some incredibly important proposals that will shape the future of their fire services for years to come.

"I strongly encourage residents to take part in this formal consultation process and tell us what they think of the proposed changes to help us to provide the best possible service back to them."

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Smokers to join quit campaign

SMOKERS from across Hampshire are being urged to kick the habit for good starting next month as part of national campaign Stoptober.

More than 3,700 people from across Hampshire quit smoking last year as a result of the campaign – which helps people go 28 days without a cigarette.

And Hampshire County Council has urged some of the estimated 200,000 smokers in Hampshire to give the challenge a try.

Executive member for health and public health Patricia Stallard said: "Those who sign up and stop smoking for 28 days, and hopefully longer, will begin to experience financial, physical and health benefits including better sense of taste and smell and a reduced risk of chronic breathing problems, lung cancer and heart disease.

"It is not just the individual who benefits, the cost of smoking to society across Hampshire as a whole is around £302million per year, including health and social care costs, loss of productivity in businesses and dealing with waste and fires caused by cigarettes."

NHS-backed Stoptober provides free support online and face-to-face throughout October, with over 750,000 people in the UK taking part in the attempt since it began three years ago.

For more information, visit nhs.uk/smokefree.

MP backs assisted dying verdict

BASINGSTOKE MP Maria Miller said the "results speak for themselves" after a bid to change the law to legalise assisted dying was refused in Parliament on Friday.

By **Christian Wilson**
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The Assisted Dying Bill was rejected in the House of Commons by 330 votes to 188 on Friday – the first time the issue has been debated in around 20 years.

If approved, the change in law would have permitted terminally ill adults to choose to end their lives with the help of doctors or relatives if they have six months left to live.

But after seeing the first Private Members Bill of the new parliament rejected by around two thirds of the house, Mrs Miller said: "I didn't support the bill, because I think the law as it stands doesn't need changing.

"These are overwhelming results against making changes, which I think speak for themselves.

"The last time that this issue was discussed was 20 years ago, and so it is right that the debate was brought up at an appropriate time."

She added: "But the results clearly show that there isn't a need for it yet and there is no support for this at the present time.

"And I don't expect that to change anytime soon."

The result was also celebrated by Hampshire hospital's clinical lead for end of life care Dr Lara Alloway, who said: "I was pleased the bill was debated and carefully considered, but I believe that, at this time, the right decision was made."

Charity Dignity in Dying have been chief supporters of the law change for a number of years, with a public survey conducted by the group highlighting that 82 per cent of those asked their opinion on the issue supported assisted dying.

Chief executive Sarah Wootton said: "It's great that we've had the first substantive debate in the House of Commons in a long time.

"This is an important first step in changing the law for terminally ill people. However the vote only goes to show just how ridiculously out of touch MPs are with the British public on the issue.

"The law as it stands clearly does not command the support of the public."

· Basingstoke MP Maria Miller voted against the Assisted Dying Bill in the House of Commons following a debate last Friday

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Cancer centre

BASINGSTOKE: Residents are being urged to give generously to a Basingstoke charity in a newly installed collection box in Festival Place shopping centre.

All money given will be donated to the Ark Cancer Centre Charity, which is aiming to raise £5million towards a new cancer treatment centre in North Waltham.

Festival Place centre director Steven Connolly said: "The Festival Place team are pleased and proud to support Ark Cancer Centre Charity as our charity of the year."

Green week

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: A range of different environmentally friendly-themed events will take place across the borough from Saturday.

More than 26 events will be held until Sunday, September 27 for national Green Week.

The activities, which are organised by Basingstoke Transition Network and Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, will begin with a Green Fair on Saturday from 9am at Festival Place.

Book signing

BASINGSTOKE: Basingstoke Discovery Centre will host talks from two local crime writers.

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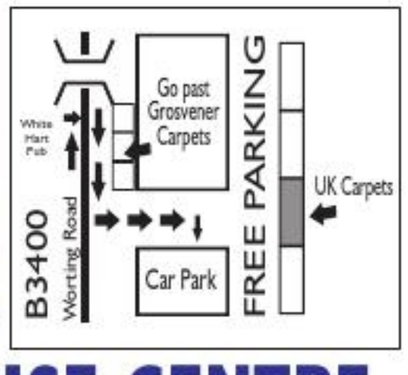

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Charities get cash grants

BASINGSTOKE-BASED housing association Sentinel has handed out over £27,000 in grants to a string of groups and charities in the area.

A total of eight voluntary organisations were given the grants last Tuesday as part of the association's 'making it happen fund'.

Sentinel received 35 different applications asking for over £200,000.

Children's charity Basingstoke Consortium is to deliver money matters courses in secondary schools, while Basingstoke Town Colts Football Club are to buy new kit with the money.

Popley-based project Melrose Community Association, support group Young Mums Matter, Basingstoke Community Furniture Project, Andover Job Club and Andover Young Carers will also receive cash boosts.

Sentinel community investment manager Sarah Smith said: "We were overwhelmed with the response we had to our first round of applications.

"It was very difficult for our panel to decide which projects to support with funding, but the eight which were chosen will benefit customers of all ages across a variety of local communities in our region.

"We're really looking forward to seeing how all the projects flourish over the coming weeks and months."

A second round of funding opens on Friday, October 2.

Respite care centre for disabled opens

By **Christian Wilson**
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A NEW £2.4million respite centre for disabled adults opened its doors in Winklebury last Wednesday.

The state of the art Hindson House in Warwick Road building contains six specially designed en-suite rooms for people with learning and physical disabilities.

Hampshire County Council honorary alderman Felicity Hindson cut the ribbon to the new facility, which is named after her due to her role on the council as a former executive member for adults social care.

Mrs Hindson said she is "deeply honoured" to share her name with the centre.

"Hindson House offers the opportunity for a state of the art break to help those who are very often living with challenging and complex conditions," she said.

"A break can make a world of difference.

"I am deeply honoured not only to have this much needed facility named after me, but to be invited to formally open it."

The new facility also includes a sensory room and state of the art bathing facilities, as well as a newly designed garden.

• (from left) Respite clients Sharon Anne Nash and Peter Le Warne with Hampshire County Council honorary alderman Felicity Hindson

Hindson House is the first purpose built adult respite building to be built by Hampshire County Council, and was developed in response to a consultation in 2011 called 'Learning Disabilities Transformation Consultation'.

Council leader Roy Perry said: "Being able to access the right respite support is extremely important for people living with disabilities and those who care for them.

"Demand for respite care across Hampshire is changing, particularly among younger adults. People want choice along with the most modern facilities, coupled with a comfortable and relaxed environment."

Cllr Perry added: "I am particularly proud of the design of Hindson House which was developed by engaging with those who use respite services, their carers, staff, health professionals - and the county council's own in-house property services team who are experts in design and construction."

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AWEsome launch

ALDERMASTON: Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE) has launched an online education resource for teachers, students and parents to inspire pupils to take an interest in science, technology, engineering and maths.

The AWEsome Education Zone on AWE's website - www.awe.co.uk - has resources including revision notes, exam questions and experiments.

Office block build

LYCHPIT: Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council has approved plans to build a £3million two-storey office and warehouse in Lychpit.

The proposed office block are to be built on a site in Lutyens Close after being sanctioned at a meeting on Friday, June 8.

Work on the build is expected to begin early next year, and is expected to take around a year.

Refugee aid

HART: Hart District Council has pledged to support resident's efforts helping Syrian refugees.

Cabinet member for community wellbeing Anne Crampton said: "It is clear a considerable number of Hart residents want to help refugees in any way that they can. They have already started organising collections of clothing and food items and we are looking at ways of supporting this valuable work through assisting with publicity and setting up extra collection points."

Government announced a national programme to resettle 20,000 refugees last Monday.

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New headteacher

BASINGSTOKE: A Basingstoke secondary school headteacher has left after 10 years in the role.

Anthony Corish moved from Bishop Challoner Catholic Secondary School in South Ham to become a headmaster at a school in London. He is replaced by John Wright, who has been at the school in St Michael's Road since 2001, and assistant headteacher since 2011.

Chairman of governors Kate Webb said: "A new chapter is opening."

Gas safety week

BASINGSTOKE: MP Maria Miller recorded a message in parliament last Wednesday, urging people to have gas appliances safety checked to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning - which leads to about 40 deaths a year. It was for 'Gas Safety Awareness Week', this week.

Lottery results

BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE: St Michael's Hospice has announced the winners of its latest lottery draw from Friday, September 11.

First prize of £1,000 goes to ticket 45438 of Basingstoke, while ticket 32817 of Hatch Warren claims second prize of £100.

Third prize of £50 goes to Little London ticket 22910, and Tadley ticket 28293 gets fourth prize of £20.

Prizes of £5 go to tickets 06129, 08147, 12052, 19929, 28162, 30515, 37569, 50188, 51603, 56030, 62678, 66695, 69365, 85702, 87253 and lastly ticket 95190.

Waitrose and John Lewis opening soon

By **Christian Wilson**
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BASING View's long-awaited John Lewis at home and Waitrose supermarket will officially open its doors in November – it was announced today.

The £6million build had been due to be completed by next month but delays to the construction work have meant the launch has been put back to Thursday, November 12.

A total of 369 people are set to work at the stores as part of the partnership in full-time and part-time retail roles.

The John Lewis Partnership also announced their new branch managers are Ali Gilbert and Jamie Rodgers.

Ms Gilbert will take the reigns at the John Lewis shop, having joined the company as a trainee almost 20 years ago.

She said: "I'm absolutely delighted to take on this new role at John Lewis at home in Basingstoke.

"I'm particularly excited about introducing the John Lewis brand to Basingstoke and Hampshire and building a new team that will deliver the exceptional customer service John Lewis is renowned for.

• Ali Gilbert and Jamie Rodgers have been named as the branch managers of John Lewis at home and Waitrose Basingstoke respectively

"I'm looking forward to working with Jamie's team to provide more choice and help encourage more people to visit the town."

The 73,000 sq ft superstore is the partnership's largest combined shop in the country, and is part of Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's £200m regeneration of Basing View.

Waitrose branch manager Mr Rodgers labelled the move as a "very exciting time" for the Basingstoke community.

He said: "I'm relishing the opportunity to create another retail destination in Hampshire.

"Everyone at John Lewis and Waitrose is looking forward to working together closely on what is set to be a very exciting joint venture.

"I am now looking forward to getting to know my new team over the coming weeks and working closely with them and our colleagues from the John Lewis at home store ahead of the opening day."

Cutters used to free trapped crash victims burgled from fire station

LIFE-SAVING equipment used to cut car crash victims free has been burgled from Kingsclere Fire Station.

Police launched an appeal on Sunday to track down the thieves after Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service's vital cutting tools were taken during a break in last week.

The equipment is used by firefighters to rescue people trapped in their vehicles after road accidents.

The burglary is thought to have taken place between 4pm on Friday and 1pm on Saturday.

Kingsclere Fire Station manager Damian Watts said: "This equipment is incredibly important for us to respond and we cannot do our job without it, which puts lives at risk.

"Thanks to our robust contingency plans we were able to work rapidly and replace these vital items of equipment to ensure that Kingsclere Fire Station was able to respond to 999 calls if required."

The fire service and Hampshire Constabulary is asking witnesses, or anyone with any other information to contact police on 101, quoting 44150316769, or by calling Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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Festive switch-on

BASINGSTOKE: Festival Place has confirmed it will mark the start of Christmas countdown on Friday, November 13, with its annual light switch on.

The shopping centre will also host a firework display and performances from a Jersey Boys tribute act featuring four West End vocalists, the Military Wives Choir, and acts from the centre's 'Sound Stage' shows.

Festival Place will also launch its 'Christmas Experience' on the same day, giving families the chance to meet Santa and his elves.

Queen's toast

HAMPSHIRE: Hampshire County Council's cabinet and chief officers met at the Great Hall in Winchester last Wednesday to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II becoming the country's longest reigning monarch.

They raised a glass to the Queen, who surpassed Queen Victoria's reign of 63 years, seven months and two days.

Council leader Roy Perry said: "On behalf of the people of Hampshire, I would like to congratulate her Majesty and let her know that we are thinking of her at this special time."

Golfing Segways

SHERFIELD ON LODDON: Members of Sherfield Oaks golf club in Sherfield on Loddon can get around the course with an innovative new device.

The motorised four-wheel Segway, called GolfBoards, were introduced at the club last month.

Better transport links pledged for cemetery

By **Christian Wilson**
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· Basingstoke's new cemetery in North Waltham will replace the town's Worting Road Cemetery (pictured) when it becomes full

PLANS to build a new 16-acre cemetery in North Waltham were approved by Basingstoke and Deane's council last week.

The £3.5million graveyard and chapel proposal had been criticised ahead of last Wednesday's development control committee meeting as it lies over seven miles away from the town centre.

But the site on farmland next to North Waltham Crematorium in Stockbridge Road was voted through to replace Worting Road Cemetery when it reaches capacity within five years.

The motion was carried after committee chairman Donald Sherlock revealed he had been assured by Hampshire County Council executive member for transport, Sean Woodward, that improved public transport services would be provided.

Cllr Sherlock said: "I spoke to the portfolio holder for transport, and plans for services around the cemetery, crematorium and potential hospital will all be reviewed closer to the time.

"A sufficient amount will be supplied and if we do go into devolution, we will have even more control over it, but that is all considerations for the future."

Popley East councillor David Potter proposed the motion be approved following Cllr Sherlock's comments, adding: "It's a case of supply and demand.

"When the demand is there and there is a need, the changes will be made, and I take great comfort in that."

Dan Putty, of Hatch Warren and Beggarwood ward, was quick to question whether the site's location would indeed be appropriate however.

"With regards to public transport we're talking about a cemetery here and there are lots of elderly ladies and elderly men who would like to access that particular site to spend some time remembering loved ones," he said.

"Not everyone has cars – if it's a crematorium then it is fine, but it would be different for a cemetery."

Norden councillor Paul Harvey had previously questioned the move to North Waltham ahead of the ruling, and was adamant that there were still "huge complications" in using the site.

Cllr Harvey added: "The concerns raised by everyone are still there, even after this decision. Some big questions still remain.

"Will the proposed new buses go at times that people want, and will they be able to afford tickets?

"The issues remain unresolved, and we will continue to tackle this head on if this is to go all the way."

Court upholds alcohol ban at town's bar

A BASINGSTOKE bar has been temporarily shut down after losing its court appeal to sell alcohol.

Rhu Bar is now serving a two-week ban – a sanction originally handed out by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council's licensing sub-committee in March - after losing the appeal at Aldershot Magistrates' Court on Friday, September 4.

The ban followed an incident in October last year at the bar in London Street where a man was partly blinded and needed emergency surgery after having a glass bottle smashed in his face.

Owner Rob Bates was also removed from his position as premises supervisor.

He was unavailable for comment, but a sign outside Rhu Bar reiterated the belief that the decision was "unreasonable".

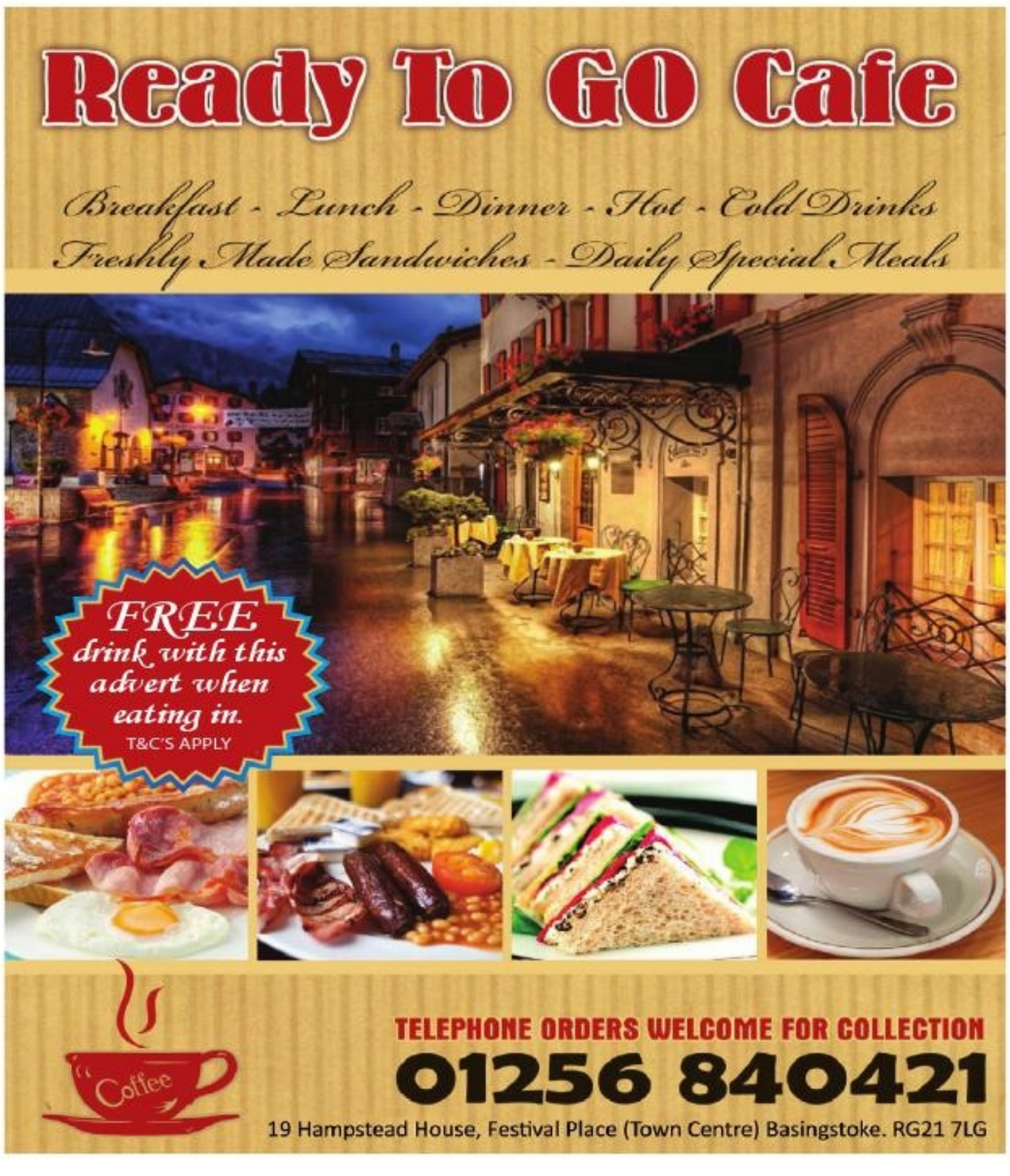
It added: "We are so sorry to our loyal customers.

"We will inform everyone soon if we can financially re-open."

Hampshire Constabulary called for a licence review in February after they said Mr Bates refused to hand over CCTV.

Licensing committee chairman Diane Taylor said: "Our duty as a licensing authority is to ensure licence holders take appropriate steps to uphold the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm.

"Cooperation between the licence holder and the police and other responsible authorities is obviously very important."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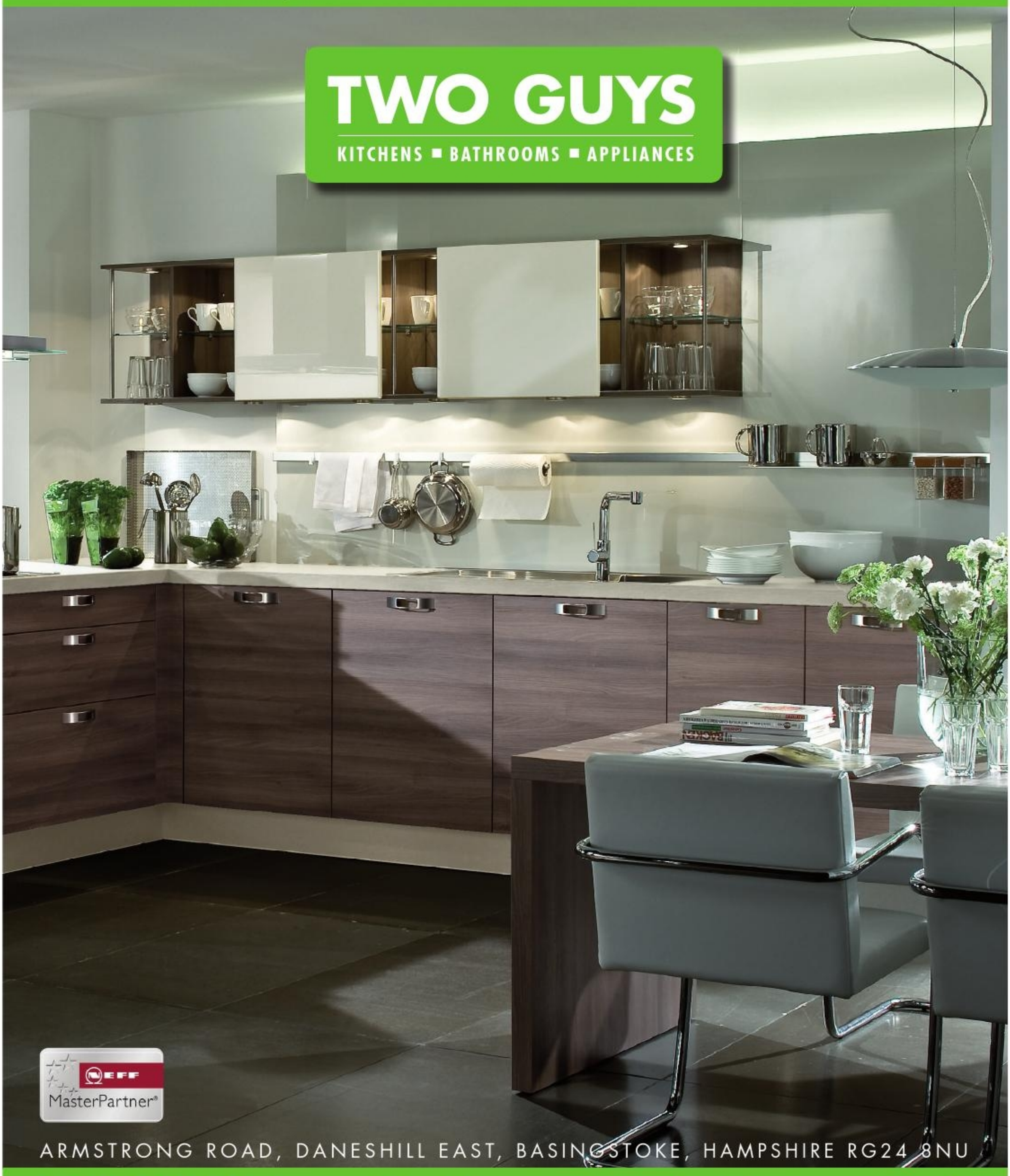

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Swishing party

BASINGSTOKE: A charity clothes swap will take place in Basingstoke next Wednesday, September 23.

The 'swishing party' at the Tea Bar in London Street will see people trade in unwanted garments for something more to their taste.

Each person needs to bring five items from 7pm.

The £10 entry will go towards The Mayor's Charity Appeal, which is raising funds for Inspero, Ark Cancer Centre Charity and the Basingstoke Multicultural Forum.

RAF Odiham visit

NORTH HAMPSHIRE: North East Hampshire MP Ranil Jayawardena visited RAF Odiham this month.

The former Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council deputy leader visited the base in Hook to find out more about RAF Odiham's operations and to personally thank personnel for their work.

Mr Jaywardena said: "It was interesting to see how their roles are changing after the withdrawal from Afghanistan – it was very clear that they are still being kept extremely busy!"

£8,500 payout after 'shoddy' dental work

AN ARCHITECT from Dummer subjected to poor dental treatment over five years has spoken out about his "truly horrendous experience".

By **Christian Wilson**
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Nicholas Tweddell was awarded £8,500 in damages after two dentists' "shoddy" treatment left him in severe pain after a number of mistakes.

The 54-year-old made the out of court settlement with Dr Anisha Patel from Tadley Dental Care and Dr William Ellison of Oasis Dental Centre in Worcester this year following an 18-month legal battle.

Dr Ellison treated Mr Tweddell between 2008 and 2012, before work commitments meant he turned to Dr Patel after moving to Basingstoke.

And Mr Tweddell slammed both dentists for making a "complete mess" of his treatment and failing to spot severe tooth decay.

"I trusted both dentists to do the best by me but they let me down for years," he said.

"They should have spotted the tooth decay and the fact that I needed fillings but they didn't."

He continued: "What they did do was carry out other shoddy work that needed completely redoing – it was a truly horrendous experience."

Severe pain after several root canal treatments and crowns persuaded Mr Tweddell to travel to Colchester for a second opinion from his dentist brother, who described the work as "supervised neglect".

Mr Tweddell added: "Dr Patel made a complete mess of the preparatory work.

"The whole experience has made me very wary of dentists, after all, these are the people we are meant to trust.

"It's not only affected me but has had a big impact on my wife and family."

Senior solicitor Tim Armitage at the Dental Law Partnership said: "Even though Mr Tweddell had regular dental check-ups, he was seriously let down by both Dr Ellison and Dr Patel who failed to diagnose tooth decay promptly in a number of teeth.

"Although Dr Patel did eventually treat Mr Tweddell, the work was of a very poor standard and meant that he had to undergo avoidable root canal treatments and crowns and had to pay privately when the treatment was widely offered on the NHS."

• Basingstoke's Nicholas Tweddell has accused Dr Anisha Patel and Dr William Ellison of making a "complete mess" of his dental treatment

Charity calls for cat carers

A BASINGSTOKE cat charity is appealing for residents to care for unwanted and abandoned cats after a drop in fosterers over the last two years.

Cats Protection's Basingstoke branch in Old Basing's Hatch Lane is looking for volunteers to join its team of 14 fosterers.

The number has fallen for various reasons including people moving away, health problems, or other commitments.

Co-ordinator Hilary Wells said: "Cat fosterers play a vital role in our charity by caring for cats in their own home until a new owner can be found.

"No special equipment is needed but cat fosterers do need to have either a spare room or an area in their garden where a cat pen can be housed and, of course, a love of cats is a must."

The charity has 26 cats and kittens including three-year-old Willow, who was picked up as a stray in July and needs a new home. Call 0845 177 1364 to volunteer.

• Three-year-old Willow

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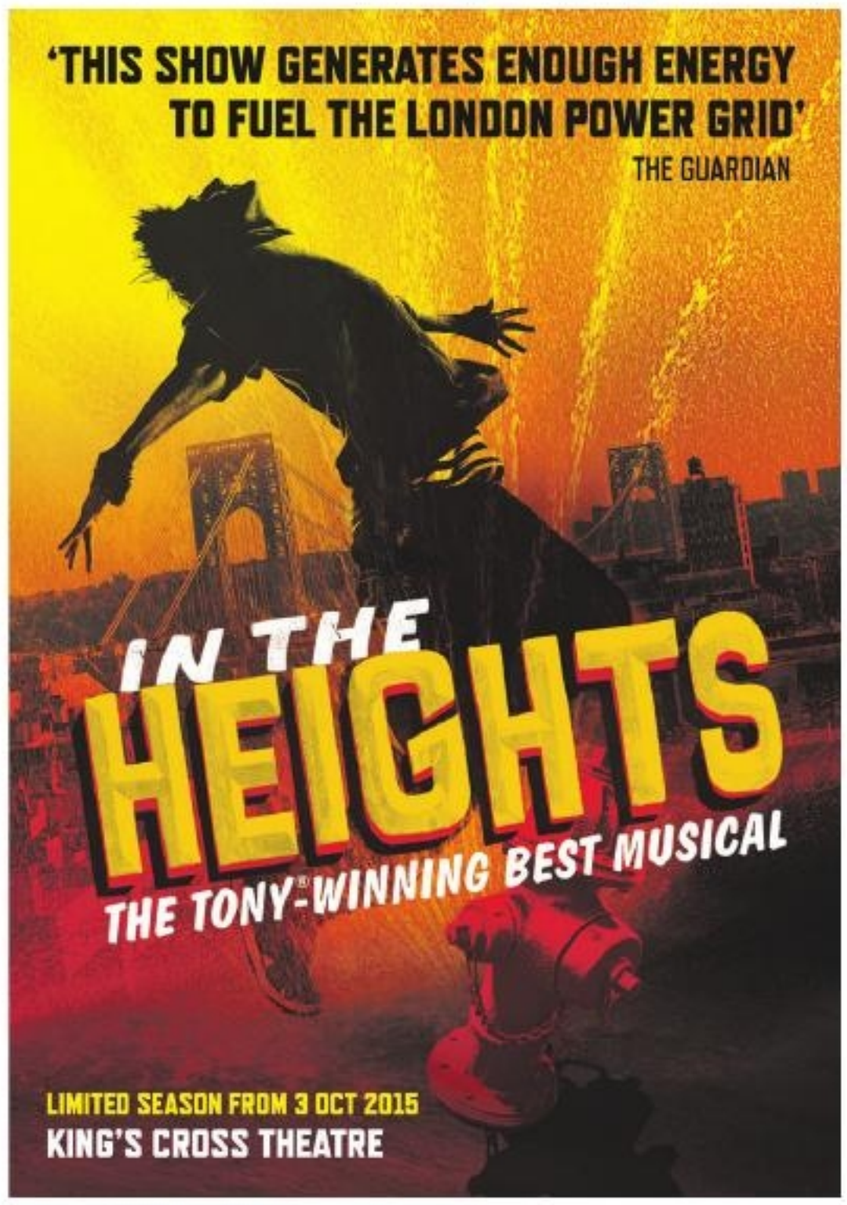
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Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across

1 Existence (6)
7 Work done for another (7)
8 Omen (7)
9 Inappropriate (5)
10 Not surely known (9)
12 Preceding day (3)
13 Smile radiantly (4)
15 Enormous (7)
17 Exchange for money (4)
19 Border (3)
21 Titles or ranks (9)
22 High structure (5)
23 Fastening (7)
24 Go before (7)
25 Persons acting for others (6)

Quick Clues Down

1 Explains (8)
2 Three times (6)
3 Proposition to be proved (7)
4 Retinue (5)
5 Sea robber (6)
6 Despatched (4)
7 Machine (5,6)
11 Harmful (4)
13 Plant with succulent root (4)
14 Communications (8)
16 Giving out light (7)
18 Practitioner in the legal profession (6)
20 Servile follower (6)
21 Made free of moisture (5)
22 Pattern (4)

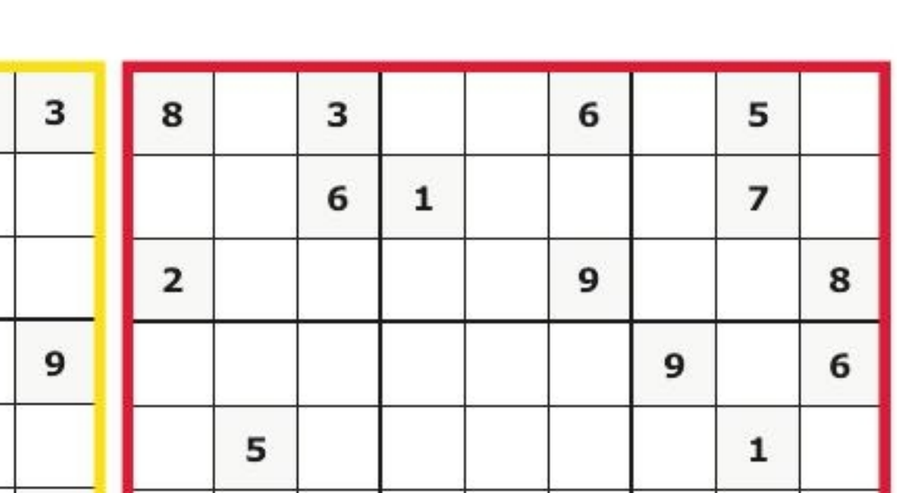
Scribble space

Cryptic Clues Across

1 Secure from European choreography (6)
7 To give up life is difficult for a conservative (7)
8 Give the gossip a quiet shake (7)
9 There's a street light lost! (5)
10 Feeling it is time the initial news was sent round (9)
12 Wrongdoing can stem from unconscious innocence (3)
13 It takes only an initial thousand to put these mountains on your walls (4)
15 Sounds as if it reduces the hours of study (7)
17 The brink from. which he led Germany (4)
19 Fish back on the sheltered side (3)
21 Give round a mixture for eating (9)
22 Plunge to the right and get the bird (5)
23 Is Broadway the greatest? (7)
24 Happy to have the Italian in a cheerful mood (7)
25 The contestant is the one who is settling the bill round the left (6)

Cryptic Clues Down

1 Apt to be appointed to nothing on the spot (8)
2 The first murderer's got his head in fetters (6)
3 Draft of an unfashionable silhouette (7)
4 It's best to have a dog or cat (5)
5 Less partial to the blonde?(6)
6 The whirlpool of ideas that led to Christian Science? (4)
7 A fly dies oven when mixed up in a self-protective attitude (11)
11 Confused part of leitmotiv on the roof (4)
13 Sure to become an employer (4)
14 Enjoying the sound? (8)
16 It takes a real nut to be indifferent (7)
18 The governor has no alternative but to be in command (6)
20 The Roman historian embraces the Spanish in a spirited way (6)
21 Exhaust the sun god in the noise (5)
22 Act with me to construct a vault (4)



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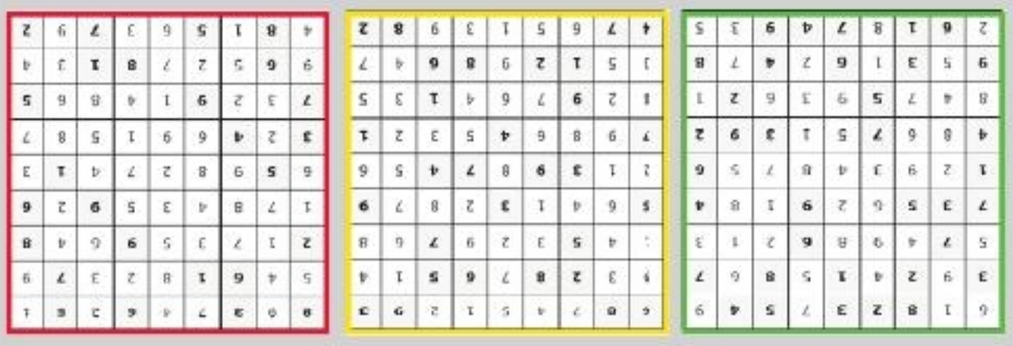

Quick Crossword

Across: 1 Entity 7 Service 8 Portent 9 Inept 10 Uncertain 12 Eve 13 Beam 15 Immense 17 Sell 19 Hem 21 Dignities 22 Tower 23 Nailing 24 Precede 25 Agents

Down: 1 Expounds 2 Thrice 3 Theorem 4 Train 5 Pirate 6 Sent 7 Steam engine 11 Evil 13 Beet 14 Messages 16 Shining 18 Lawyer 20 Minion 21 Dried 22 Type

Cryptic Crossword

Across: 1 Anchor 7 Diehard 8 Prattle 9 Stray 10 Sentiment 12 Sin 13 Ural 15 Lessons 17 Edge 19 Eel 21 Devouring 22 Diver 23 Largest 24 Merrily 25 Player

Down: 1 Apposite 2 Chains 3 Outline 4 Beast 5 Fairer 6 Eddy 7 Defensively 11 Tile 13 User 14 Laughter 16 Neutral 18 Govern 20 Lively 21 Dram 22 Dome

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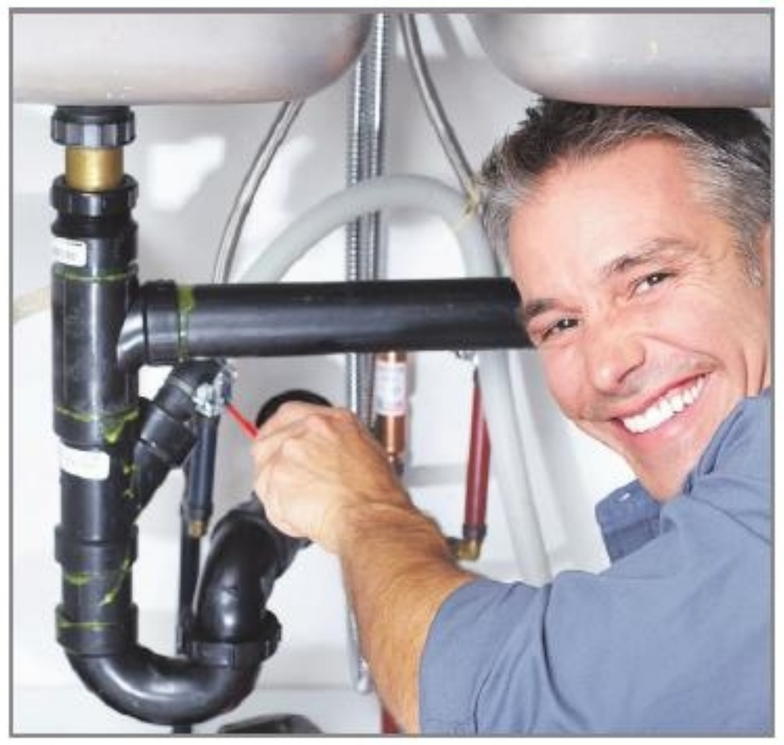

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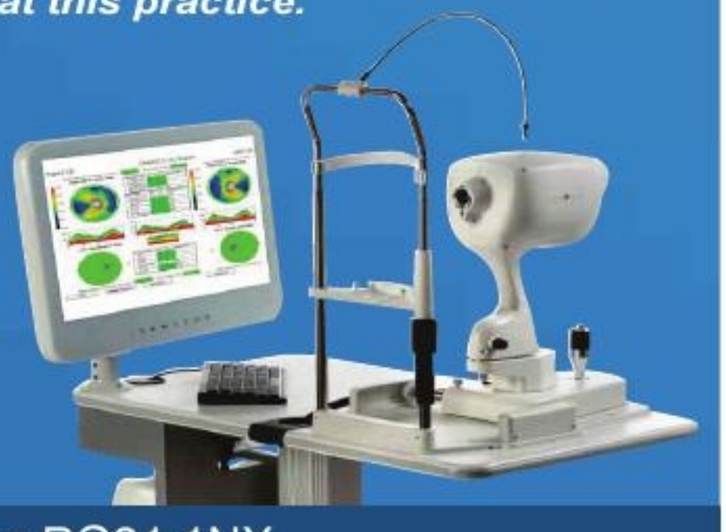

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Friday September 18th

DAYTIME

BBC1

Mountain Goats, **10.35pm**

6.00 Breakfast (S) **9.15 Rip Off Britain** (S) **10.00 Homes Under the Hammer** (S)(R) **11.00 Saints and Scroungers** (S) **11.45 Break-in Britain – The Crackdown** (S) **12.15 Bargain Hunt** (S) **1.00 BBC News;** Weather; (S) **1.00 BBC Regional News and Weather;** (S) **1.45 Doctors** (S) **2.15 Decimate** Quiz show, hosted by Shane Richie. (S) **3.00 Escape to the Country** A couple hunt for a home in Carmarthenshire. (S)(R) **3.45 Money for Nothing** (S) **4.30 Antiques Road Trip** (S) **5.15 Pointless** (S) **6.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **6.30 BBC Regional News Programmes;** Weather (S)

BBC2

The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice, **9pm**

6.00 Homes Under the Hammer (S)(R) **7.00 Saints and Scroungers** (S)(R) **7.45 Break-in Britain – The Crackdown** (S)(R) **8.15 Sign Zone: Gardeners' World** (S)(R) **8.45 Sign Zone: Great British Menu** (S)(R) **9.15 Victoria Derbyshire** (S) **11.00 BBC News** (S) **11.30 BBC World News** (S) **12.00 Daily Politics** (S) **1.00 Live Davis Cup Tennis** (S) **5.15 Flog It!** From the Stadium of Light in Sunderland. (S)(R) **6.00 Eggheads** Quiz show, hosted by Jeremy Vine. (S) **6.30 Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip** Terry Wogan and Mason McQueen take a punt on the River Cherwell. (S)

ITV

The Chase, **5pm**

6.00 Good Morning Britain (S) **8.30 Lorraine** (S) **9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show** (S) **11.00 This Morning** (S) **12.30 Loose Women** (S) **1.30 ITV News** (S) **1.55 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal** From Tatton Park, Cheshire. (S) **3.00 Who's Doing the Dishes?** (S) **3.59 ITV Regional Weather** (S) **4.00 Tipping Point** Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (S) **5.00 The Chase** Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (S) **6.00 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.15 ITV News** (S) **6.45 Rugby World Cup: Opening Ceremony** Coverage of the traditional curtain-raiser. (S)

Channel 4

Gogglebox, **9pm**

6.00 Countdown (S)(R) **6.45 Draw It!** (S)(R) **7.10 3rd Rock from the Sun** (S)(R) **8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **9.00 Frasier** (S)(R) **10.00 Undercover Boss Canada** (S)(R) **11.00 Four Rooms** (S)(R) **12.00 Channel 4 News** (S) **12.05 Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **1.05 Posh Pawnbrokers** (S)(R) **2.10 Countdown** (S) **3.00 Fifteen to One** New series. General knowledge quiz, hosted by Sandi Toksvig. (S) **4.00 A Place in the Sun: Summer Sun** A couple looking for a holiday home in the Charente area of France. (S) **5.00 Come Dine with Me** (S) **6.00 The Simpsons** (S)(R) **6.30 Hollyoaks** (S)

Channel 5

Celebrity Big Brother Live: The Final Count-down, **9pm**

6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff Panel discussion. **11.10 Cowboy Builders** (S)(R) **12.10 5 News Lunchtime** (S) **12.15 Celebrity Big Brother** (S)(R) **1.15 Home and Away** (S) **1.45 Neighbours** (S) **2.15 NCIS: Secrets Exposed** A Navy Seal dies during a training exercise. (S)(R) **3.15 Magic Beyond Words: The JK Rowling Story** Drama charting the author's life, starring Poppy Montgomery. (S) **5.00 5 News at 5** (S) **5.30 Neighbours** Paul considers asking Naomi to marry him. (S)(R) **6.00 Home and Away** Roo and James's first date goes terribly. (S)(R) **6.30 5 News Tonight** (S)

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- **7.00 The One Show** Hosted by Alex Jones. (S)
- **7.30 Would I Lie to You?** With Jo Brand, Roisin Conaty, Paul Foot and Ray Mears; (S)(R) BBC News; Regional News (S)

- **7.00 Iolo's Great Welsh Parks** Iolo Williams tours Pontypool park. Last in the series. (S)
- **7.30 Great British Menu** The two remaining North West chefs cook their entire menus again. (S)

- **7.25 Rugby World Cup** England v Fiji (kick-off 8.00pm). John Inverdale presents coverage of the opening fixture of the eighth staging of the tournament, as the Pool A rivals meet at Twickenham. (S)

- **7.00 Channel 4 News** (S)

- **7.00 Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud** Comedians Des Clarke and Katy Brand present a selection of the internet's most popular videos featuring dogs; (S)(R) 5 News Update (S)

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- **8.00 EastEnders** Roxy agrees to go away with Charlie. (S)
- **8.30 Still Open All Hours** Granville is forced to take extra security precautions. (S)(R)

- **8.00 Mastermind** Specialist subjects include Scott Joplin and Beatrix Potter. (S)
- **8.30 Gardeners' World** Joe Swift visits a tropical paradise in Runcorn. (S)

- **8.00 Sarah Millican Hijacks Deal or No Deal** A special edition to mark 10 years of the programme, in which the comedienne turns the tables on regular host Noel Edmonds, who competes for his chosen charity.

- **8.00 Pussies Galore: Love Me, Love My Cat** Documentary about fanatical cat lovers, including a woman who has adopted over 1,000 local strays; (S) 5 News Update (S)

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- **9.00 Ripper Street** An American journalist is killed in Whitechapel and the net closes in on Long Susan as she contends with problems on three fronts. Matthew Macfadyen stars. Last in the series. (S)

- **9.00 The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice** (S)
- **9.30 Rick Stein: From Venice to Istanbul** The chef arrives in Istanbul to conclude his journey. Last in the series. (S)

- **9.00 Gogglebox** Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. Narrated by Caroline Aherne. (S)

- **9.00 Celebrity Big Brother Live: The Final Countdown** Emma Willis announces who is next to leave. Plus, highlights of all the latest events inside the house. (S)

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- **10.00 BBC News** (S)
- **10.25 BBC Regional News and Weather;** (S) National Lottery Update (S)
- **10.35 Mountain Goats** Pathological liar Jimmy must clear his name. Last in the series. (S)

- **10.30 Newsnight** (S)

- **10.15 ITV News** (S)
- **10.55 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S)

- **10.00 Alan Carr: Chatty Man** Hollywood stars Drew Barrymore and Toni Collette drop in to discuss their new film Miss You Already, while Keith Lemon talks about the new series of Celebrity Juice. (S)

- **10.30 Celebrity Big Brother's Bit on the Side** Rylan Clark presents the CBB companion show, including celebrity guests' thoughts on the latest developments and behind-the-scenes insights. (S)

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- **11.05 Pound Shop Wars** (S)(R)
- **11.35 FILM Surrogates (2009) (12)** Sci-fi thriller, with Bruce Willis and Radha Mitchell. (S)

- **11.00 Weather** (S)
- **11.05 Later – with Jools Holland** The pianist and bandleader returns with the second set of this year's music showcases. (S)

- **11.05 Rugby World Cup Highlights** England v Fiji. (S)
- **11.50 The Chase** Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (S)(R)

- **11.05 First Dates** Dating show in which singletons meet up with potential partners at a restaurant, including Texan-born Aaron, who wants to know how to charm British women. (S)(R)

- **11.30 Celebrity Big Brother: Live from the House** Coverage of the housemates' every move.

AFTER 12

- **1.00 Weather for the Week Ahead** (S)
- **1.05** BBC News (S)

- **12.05 FILM Winter's Bone (2010) (15)** Drama, starring Jennifer Lawrence. (S) **1.40** Sign Zone: Question Time (S)(R) **2.40** Special Forces – Ultimate Hell Week (S)(R) **3.40** This Is BBC Two (S)

- **12.40 Jackpot247 3.00** Britain's Best Bakery (S)(R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen

- **12.05 Bad Robots** (S) **12.30 FILM Silent House (2011) (15)** (S) **2.00** Supernatural (S) **2.50** Grand Designs Australia (S)(R) **3.45** You Deserve This House (S)(R) **4.40** Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites (S)(R)

- **12.00 Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole** (S)(R) **12.50** SuperCasino **3.10** Celebrity Big Brother: The Final Countdown (S)(R) **4.30** Access (R) **4.40** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.10** House Doctor (S)(R) **5.35** House Doctor (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **6.20** Psych **7.05** Emmerdale **8.05** Coronation Street **8.35** Dinner Date **9.35** Psych **10.25** The Real Housewives of Atlanta **12.10** Emmerdale **1.15** Coronation Street **1.40** Dinner Date **2.40** Judge Rinder **3.40** The Jeremy Kyle Show **7.00** You've Been Framed! Top 100 Kids **8.00** FILM: Burlesque (2010) (12) Musical drama, starring Cher and Christina Aguilera. **10.25** FILM: The Bourne Ultimatum (2007) (12) Spy thriller sequel, starring Matt Damon. **12.35** Two and a Half Men **1.30** Fake Reaction **2.05** Crazy Beaches **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 Never the Twain **6.25** Heartbeat **7.25** The Royal **8.25** Where the Heart Is **9.35** Judge Judy **10.55** Agatha Christie's Marple **12.55** Heartbeat **2.00** The Royal **3.00** Where the Heart Is **4.10** Never the Twain **4.45** On the Buses **5.15** In Loving Memory **5.50** Heartbeat **6.50** Murder, She Wrote **7.55** The Road to Coronation Street **9.30** Vicious **10.00** Law & Order: UK **11.00** Collision **12.05** FILM: The Color Purple (1985) (15) **2.45** Where the Heart Is **3.40** Emmerdale

BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7
7.00 Doctor Who **8.00** Don't Tell the Bride **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News **10.00** EastEnders **10.30** Murder in Successville **11.00** People Time **11.25** Family Guy **12.30** American Dad! **12.50** Top Coppers **1.20** Fried **1.45** Murder in Successville **2.15** People Time **2.40** Russell Howard's Good News **3.10** Fishbowl **3.35** People Time **3.55** Close

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
7.00 World News Today; Weather **7.30** Leeds International Piano Competition 2015 **9.00** Arena: Produced by George Martin **10.25** Cilla at the BBC **11.25** Sings the Beatles **12.25** Love Me Do: The Beatles '62 **1.25** Arena: Produced by George Martin **2.55** Cilla at the BBC **3.55** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 Hollyoaks **6.25** Charmed **7.10** Revenge **8.00** Baby Daddy **9.00** Melissa & Joey **10.00** Charmed **12.00** Hollyoaks **12.30** Baby Daddy **1.00** How I Met Your Mother **2.00** The Big Bang Theory **3.00** Melissa & Joey **4.00** Baby Daddy **5.00** How I Met Your Mother **5.30** The Big Bang Theory: Top 5 Bernie **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Hollyoaks **7.30** Baby Daddy **8.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: Independence Day (1996) (12) Sci-fi adventure, starring Will Smith. **11.50** The Big Bang Theory **12.50** Tattoo Fixers **1.50** Tattoos After Dark **2.45** 2 Broke Girls **3.35** Tattoo Fixers **4.30** Revenge **5.15** Charmed

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces **10.00** Location, Location, Location **11.05** FILM: The Day the Earth Stood Still (1951) (U) **12.55** Time Team **2.00** Come Dine with Me **4.40** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **5.45** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away **6.50** A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun **7.55** Grand Designs **9.00** Resistance **10.15** FILM: Rising Sun (1993) (18) Thriller, starring Sean Connery and Wesley Snipes. **12.50** Embarrassing Bodies **1.55** Grand Designs **3.00** Food Unwrapped **3.35** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15
11.00 The Riddle of the Sands (1978) (PG) **1.20** Bear Island (1979) (PG) **3.45** Escape to Athena (1979) (PG) **6.10** Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (2003) (12) Seafaring drama, starring Russell Crowe. **9.00** Zombieland (2009) (15) Comedy horror, starring Woody Harrelson and Jesse Eisenberg. **10.40** Lovelace (2013) (18) Premiere. Biopic of the 1970s porn star, starring Amanda Seyfried. **12.30** Jennifer's Body (2009) (15) **2.35** By the Bluest of Seas (1936) (U) **4.00** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
7.00 Hardliners **7.20** Top Gear **8.10** Scrapheap Challenge **9.00** American Pickers **10.00** Lizard Lick Towing **11.00** Storage Hunters **12.00** Top Gear **2.00** Scrapheap Challenge **3.00** American Pickers **4.00** Top Gear **6.00** Scrapheap Challenge **7.00** American Pickers **8.00** Not Going Out **10.00** Room 101 **11.20** 8 Out of 10 Cats **12.20** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **1.20** QI XL **2.20** Room 101 **3.00** Suits **3.45** Radical Highs **4.00** Close

SKY1 SKY: 106
8.00 NCIS: Los Angeles **9.00** Forever **10.00** Hawaii Five-0 **12.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00** Monkey Life **5.00** The Simpsons **5.30** Futurama **6.30** The Simpsons **8.00** Modern Family **9.00** Mount Pleasant **10.00** One Hundred and Eighty **11.00** Zoo **12.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **1.00** Hawaii Five-0 **3.00** Forever **4.00** UK Border Force

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108
6.00 Star Trek: Enterprise **7.00** Seinfeld **8.00** The British **9.00** House **11.00** Without a Trace **12.00** Blue Bloods **1.00** Stargate Atlantis **2.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **3.00** Seinfeld **4.00** The British **5.00** House **7.00** Without a Trace **8.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** The Pacific **11.40** Ballers **12.50** Aquarius **1.50** Veep **2.25** Blue Bloods **3.25** Curb Your Enthusiasm **4.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **5.00** Stargate Atlantis

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Saturday September 19th

DAYTIME

BBC1

Pointless Celebrities, 6.50pm

6.00 Breakfast (S) **10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live** (S) **11.30 Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip** (S)(R) **12.00 BBC News;** Weather (S) **12.10 Football Focus** (S) **12.50 Saturday Sportsday** (S) **1.00 Live Davis Cup Tennis** Great Britain v Australia. (S) **4.30 Final Score** A round-up of this afternoon's football results. (S) **5.10 Formula 1: Singapore Grand Prix – Qualifying Highlights** Action from the Marina Bay Street Circuit. (S) **6.35 BBC News** (S) **6.45 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S) **6.50 Pointless Celebrities** Guests include Tony Hawks, Henry Kelly and Hale and Pace. (S)

7 **7.40 Doctor Who** New series. An alien force freezes the Earth's skies. (S)

8 **8.30 The National Lottery: In It to Win It** Quiz show hosted by Dale Winton. (S)

9 **9.20 Casualty** New junior doctor Alicia treats a vulnerable pregnant woman. (S)

10 **10.10 BBC News;** Weather (S) **10.30 Match of the Day** Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League matches, including Chelsea v Arsenal at Stamford Bridge; (S) National Lottery Update (S)

11 **11.55 FILM Rogue (2007) (15)** A party of tourists taking a boat trip in an uncharted part of the Australian Outback is attacked by a ferocious crocodile. Thriller, starring Radha Mitchell. (S)

AFTER 12 **1.15 Weather for the Week Ahead** (S) **1.20** BBC News (S)

BBC2

Flog It! Trade Secrets, 4.30pm

6.10 FILM Anne of Green Gables (1934) (U) (S) **7.25 FILM Sharpay's Fabulous Adventure (2011) (U)** (S) **8.55 FILM The Last Flight of Noah's Ark (1980) (U)** (S) **10.30 Animal Park** (S)(R) **11.00 More Creatures Great and Small** (S)(R) **12.00 Great British Menu** (S)(R) **1.00 FILM That's Entertainment Part Two (1976) (U)** (S) **3.00 Triathlon** The ITU World Series women's race from Chicago. (S) **4.30 Flog It! Trade Secrets** (S)(R) **5.00 World's Busiest Railway 2015** (S)(R) **6.00 The Hairy Bikers' Northern Exposure** Si and Dave taste some of Russia's finest foods. (S)(R)

7.00 Gardeners' World Joe Swift visits a tropical paradise in Runcorn. (S)(R)
7.30 Galapagos – Islands of Change: Natural World David Attenborough narrates. (S)(R)

8.30 Dad's Army Captain Mainwaring organises a dance. (S)(R)

9.00 6 Degrees of Separation Panel game show, presented by Professor Brian Cox. (S)(R)
9.30 Mock the Week With Ed Byrne, Sara Pascoe, Ed Gamble and Nathan Caton. (S)(R)

10.00 Cradle to Grave The world is changing for Spud as the docks face closure. (S)(R)
10.30 Boy Meets Girl A visit to an art gallery prompts Leo to ask Judy a very important question. (S)(R)

11.00 The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice Including an interview with the week's eliminated baker. (S)(R)
11.30 Live Triathlon (S)

1.50 FILM The Hunter (2010) (15) Thriller, directed by and starring Rafi Pitts. **3.15** This Is BBC Two (S) **5.55** The Instant Gardener (S)(R)

ITV

Keep It in the Family, 7pm

6.00 CITV 9.25 ITV News (S) **9.30 Murder, She Wrote** Jessica investigates a poisoning. (S)(R) **10.30 The X Factor** Performers sing for a place at Boot Camp. (S)(R) **11.30 Rugby World Cup** Tonga v Georgia (kick-off 12.00pm). (S) **1.55 Rugby World Cup** Ireland v Canada (kick-off 2.30pm). (S) **4.30 Rugby World Cup** South Africa v Japan (Kick-off 4.45pm). Pool B gets under way with this encounter at the Brighton Community Stadium, as the nations meet for the first time in their history. (S) **6.45 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.55 ITV News** (S)

7.00 Keep It in the Family Bradley Walsh hosts the family game show, which also features performances by Britain's Got Talent stars Jack Pack and living cartoon artist Ennio Marchetto. Last in the series. (S)

8.00 The X Factor Olly Murs and Caroline Flack present as the arena audition stage concludes. Continues on ITV tomorrow at 7pm. (S)

9.30 Through the Keyhole Keith Lemon hosts a revival of the classic game show in which panellists Bruno Tonioli, Davina McCall and Dave Berry are challenged to identify the homes of the rich and famous. (S)

10.30 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.45 FILM Invictus (2009) (12) Premiere. Clint Eastwood's factual drama, with Morgan Freeman and Matt Damon. (S)

Channel 4

Channel 4 Racing, 1.30pm

6.10 How I Met Your Mother (S)(R) **6.35 Great Scottish Swim 2015** Action from Loch Lomond. (S) **7.30 Para Tri** Action from Dorney Lake in Windsor. (S) **8.00 The Morning Line** Nick Luck presents from Ayr. (S) **9.00 Frasier** (S)(R) **10.00 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **10.55 Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **1.30 Channel 4 Racing** Live coverage from Ayr and Newbury. (S) **4.10 Channel 4 News** (S) **4.30 Couples Come Dine with Me** (S)(R) **6.05 Location, Location, Location** First-time buyers search for properties in Bristol and the Cotswolds. (S)(R)

7.00 Grand Designs Boat enthusiast James Strangeways invites Kevin McCloud to follow progress on his ship-themed home, which was designed to stand on stilts over a marsh by his architect nephew. (S)(R)

8.00 Secrets of the Terracotta Warriors – Secret History Recent discoveries about China's Terracotta Army. (S)(R)

9.00 It Was Alright in the 1960s Matt Lucas narrates another look back at TV shows from past decades, revisiting the changing social attitudes reflected on the small screen in the 1960s. (S)

10.00 Gogglebox Capturing the households' instant reactions to what they are watching on TV from the comfort of their own sofas. Narrated by Caroline Aherne. (S)(R)

11.05 FILM Battle: Los Angeles (2011) (12) Sci-fi thriller, starring Aaron Eckhart and Ramon Rodriguez. (S)

1.20 Alan Carr: Chatty Man (S)(R) **2.15** Hollyoaks (S)(R) **4.25** Location, Location, Location (S)(R) **5.20** Fifteen to One (S)(R)

Channel 5

Football League Tonight, 9pm

6.00 Milkshake! 9.55 SpongeBob SquarePants (S) **10.30 Cowboy Builders** (S)(R) **1.20 FILM Columbo Goes to College (1991) (PG)** (S) **3.15 FILM Asteroid: Final Impact (2015)** Premiere. Disaster thriller, starring Mark Lutz. (S) **5.00 The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door** Disputes in which mistrustful neighbours resorted to subterfuge. Last in the series. (S)(R) **6.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away** Enforcement agents evict a woman with two children. (S)(R) **6.55 FILM Left Behind (2014) (15)** Premiere. Fantasy adventure, starring Nicolas Cage. (S)

8.55 5 News Weekend (S)

9.00 Football League Tonight Kelly Cates and George Riley present action from the Championship, League One and League Two, including Wolverhampton Wanderers v Brighton & Hove Albion. (S)

10.30 Celebrity Big Brother: The End Is Nigh The ups and downs of life in the BB house as friendships and alliances are made, battle lines are drawn and arguments erupt. (S)

11.30 FILM Date Movie (2006) (12) An unloved and overweight woman contends with a jealous rival and disapproving parents to get the man of her dreams. Spoof romantic comedy, with Alyson Hannigan. (S)

12.55 SuperCasino 3.10 Celebrity Big Brother: The End is Nigh (S)(R) **4.00** Transporter: The Series (S) **4.50** Make It Big (S)(R) **5.15** Make It Big (S)(R) **5.45** Angels of Jarm (S)(R) **5.50** Angels of Jarm (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 Emmerdale **8.45** Coronation Street **11.35** You've Been Framed!: Animals **12.35** The X Factor **1.40** The Xtra Factor **2.40** Catchphrase **3.25** FILM: Sweet November (2001) (12) Romantic drama, starring Keanu Reeves and Charlize Theron. **5.40** FILM: The Shaggy Dog (2006) (U) Comedy remake, starring Tim Allen. **7.40** FILM: Bean (1997) (PG) Comedy, starring Rowan Atkinson. **9.30** The Xtra Factor **10.30** Celebrity Juice **11.15** Safeword **12.50** Fake Reaction **1.25** Crazy Beaches **2.10** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.35** Pixie Lott: The Hot Desk **2.45** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 Where the Heart Is **7.55** FILM: The Great St Trinian's Train Robbery (1966) (PG) Comedy, starring Frankie Howerd. **9.50** Agatha Christie's Marple **1.50** Lewis **10.00** The Road to Coronation Street **11.40** Wire in the Blood **1.10** On the Buses **2.05** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7
7.00 Don't Tell the Bride **8.00** Top Gear: The Best of Series 22 **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News **9.30** FILM: Never Back Down (2008) (12) Martial arts drama, starring Sean Faris. **11.15** Family Guy **1.30** Top Coppers **2.00** Fried **2.30** Russell Howard's Good News **3.00** Don't Tell the Bride **4.00** Close

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
7.00 India's Frontier Railways **8.00** Timeshift: The Golden Age of the Tram – A Streetcar Named Desire **9.00** Beck: Room 302 **10.30** A Very British Murder with Lucy Worsley **11.30** Sings Motown **12.30** Northern Soul: Living for the Weekend **1.30** Love Me Do: The Beatles '62 **2.30** TOTP2 **3.45** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 Jane the Virgin **6.45** Baby Daddy **7.35** How I Met Your Mother **8.00** Suburgatory **9.00** Melissa & Joey **10.00** The Goldbergs **11.00** How I Met Your Mother **12.00** Made in Chelsea LA **1.00** FILM: Hop (2011) (U) Part-animated comedy, starring James Marsden. **3.00** Melissa & Joey **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **6.30** FILM: Edward Scissorhands (1990) (PG) Tim Burton's fantasy, starring Johnny Depp. **8.30** The Big Bang Theory: Top 5 Amy **11.00** The Inbetweeners **12.00** The IT Crowd **1.05** Rude Tube **2.10** Bad Robots **2.35** The Inbetweeners **3.25** The IT Crowd **4.20** How I Met Your Mother **4.40** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **5.05** Revenge

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 Time Team **10.00** Jamie's 15 Minute Meals **10.35** FILM: Escape to Victory (1981) (PG) Second World War adventure, starring Michael Caine. **1.00** Four in a Bed **3.40** Grand Designs **4.45** Penelope Keith's Hidden Villages **5.50** Titchmarsh on Capability Brown **6.55** The Dambusters' Great Escape: Secret History **7.55** Guy Martin's Spitfire **9.35** The Plane That Saved Britain **10.45** 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown **12.50** Guy Martin's Spitfire **2.30** Resistance **3.40** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15
11.00 The Frogmen (1951) (U) Second World War thriller, starring Richard Widmark. **1.00** Fletch (1985) (PG) Comedy mystery, starring Chevy Chase. **3.00** A Monster in Paris (2011) (U) Animated comedy, with the voice of Vanessa Paradis. **4.45** The Princess Diaries (2001) (U) Family comedy, starring Anne Hathaway. **7.10** Just Married (2003) (12) Romantic comedy, starring Ashton Kutcher and Brittany Murphy. **9.00** Unstoppable (2010) (12) Tony Scott's action thriller, with Denzel Washington and Chris Pine. **11.00** The Woman in Black (2012) (12) Supernatural horror, starring Daniel Radcliffe. **12.50** The Innkeepers (2011) (15) **2.55** The Cicerones **3.15** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
7.10 World's Most Dangerous Roads **8.00** American Pickers **10.00** Scrapheap Challenge **12.00** Lizard Lick Towing **1.00** Beverly Hills Pawn **2.00** Storage Hunters **4.00** Top Gear **7.00** QI XL **8.00** Gavin & Stacey **10.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **11.00** Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled **12.00** Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You **1.00** Mock the Week **2.55** Crackanory **3.25** Dave's One Night Stand **4.00** Close

SKY1 SKY: 106
6.00 Are You Smarter Than a 10 Year Old? **8.00** Game Changers Masterclass – Beckham **8.30** Football Freestyler **9.00** The Fantasy Football Club **10.00** Soccer AM **12.00** The F1 Show **1.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **5.00** The Simpsons **7.00** Richard Hammond's Jungle Quest **8.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo **9.00** 50 Ways to Kill Your Mammy **10.00** FILM: Mr Woodcock (2007) (12) Comedy, starring Billy Bob Thornton. **11.45** One Hundred and Eighty **12.45** NCIS: Los Angeles **1.45** Hawaii Five-0 **2.35** The Last Ship **3.35** Road Wars **5.00** Nothing to Declare

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108
6.00 The British **7.00** Seinfeld **10.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **1.00** The Petrol Age **2.00** David Attenborough's Galapagos **3.00** Blue Bloods **7.00** Without a Trace **9.00** Game of Thrones **11.10** Last Week Tonight with John Oliver **11.45** Entourage **3.20** The British **4.10** Seinfeld

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Sunday September 20th

DAYTIME

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast (S) **7.35 Match of the Day** (S)(R) **9.00 The Andrew Marr Show** (S) **10.00 Sunday Morning Live** (S) **11.00 Bargain Hunt** (S)(R) **11.45 Battle of Britain 75: From Westminster Abbey** (S) **1.30 Sunday Politics** (S) **2.35 Escape to the Country** (S)(R) **3.05 The Great British Bake Off** (S)(R) **4.05 Points of View** (S) **4.20 Tribute to a Queen – The Big Sing** A musical tribute to Her Majesty the Queen. (S) **5.00 Formula 1: Singapore Grand Prix – Highlights** Action from the Marina Bay Street Circuit. (S) **6.35 BBC News** (S) **6.50 BBC Regional News and Weather** (S)

7

7.00 Countryfile Adam Henson is in the Lake District, discovering how getting out and about in the country is good for mind and body. Including Weather for the Week Ahead. (S)

8

8.00 Antiques Roadshow Fiona Bruce presents an episode from RAF Coningsby, an operational air base in Lincolnshire, where she takes to the sky in a Dakota aircraft and examines some air force memorabilia. (S)

9

9.00 The Go-Between Adaptation of LP Hartley's novel, a story of forbidden desire and betrayal, as seen through the eyes of an impressionable boy at the start of the 20th century. Jim Broadbent stars. (S)

10

10.30 BBC News (S)
10.50 BBC Regional News and Weather (S)

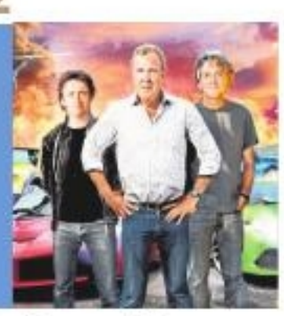
11

11.00 Eat Well for Less? Gregg Wallace and Chris Bavin help the Austens from West Sussex. (S) (R)

AFTER 12

12.00 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) **12.05** BBC News (S)

BBC2



6.40 Countryfile (S)(R) **7.40 Gardeners' World** (S)(R) **8.10 The Beechgrove Garden** (S) **8.40 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites** Highlights of the series. (S) **10.10 Great British Menu** (S)(R) **11.40 Terry and Mason's Great Food Trip** (S)(R) Weather for the Week Ahead. (S) **12.15 MOTD2 Extra** (S) **1.00 Live Davis Cup Tennis** Great Britain v Australia. (S) **4.45 Triathlon** The ITU World Series men's race from Chicago. (S) **5.45 Battle of Britain 75: Highlights from Westminster Abbey** Service of thanksgiving to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Britain. (S)

7.00 World's Weirdest Events Chris Packham explores bizarre stories from across the globe, from a man who gets drunk without touching a drop of alcohol to chart-topping molecular music. (S)(R)

8.00 The Best of Top Gear The team looks back at highlights of season 22 of the motoring series, including crazy challenges, the most desirable new car models and a classic Star in a Reasonably Priced Car.

9.00 Special Forces – Ultimate Hell Week The 13 contestants undertake Australian SAS training. (S)

10.00 Match of the Day 2 Mark Chapman reviews the day's Premier League action, featuring Southampton v Manchester United, Tottenham Hotspur v Crystal Palace and Liverpool v Norwich City. (S)

11.10 Family Guy (S)
11.30 Family Guy (S)
11.55 FILM Down Terrace (2009) (15) Crime comedy, starring real-life father and son Robin and Robert Hill. (S)

12.25 Sign Zone: Countryfile (S)(R) **2.20** Holby City (S)(R) **3.20** This Is BBC Two (S)

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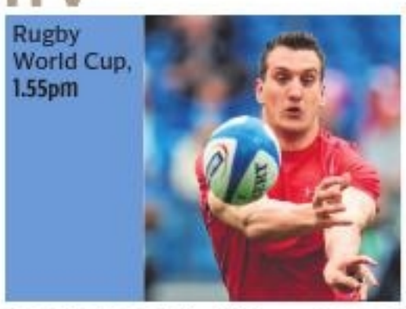


6.00 CITV 9.25 The Unforgettable Sid James Profile of the Carry On star. (S)(R) **10.00 The X Factor** Olly Murs and Caroline Flack present. (S)(R) **11.30 Rugby World Cup** Samoa v USA (kick-off 12.00pm). (S) **1.55 Rugby World Cup** Wales v Uruguay (Kick-off 2.30pm). Pool A continues with this fixture at the Millennium Stadium in Cardiff. (S) **4.30 Rugby World Cup** New Zealand v Argentina (Kick-off 4.45pm). The opening round of fixtures reaches a conclusion with this Pool C match at Wembley Stadium. (S) **6.45 ITV Regional News;** Weather (S) **6.55 ITV News** (S)

7.00 The X Factor The successful contestants from the arena auditions stage enter the boot-camp stage, with the judges putting them through their paces at a grand country house. (S)

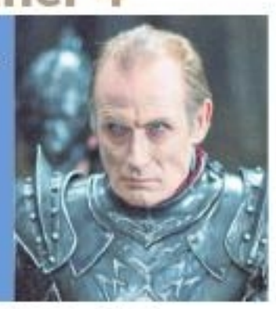
9.00 Downton Abbey New series. Mary's past catches up with her as secrets and rifts threaten the unity of the family, while those below stairs find social changes are putting their futures at risk. (S)

10.30 ITV News; Weather (S)
10.45 Rugby World Cup Highlights Action from the third day's matches, which were Wales v Uruguay, Samoa v USA and New Zealand v Argentina. (S)

11.50 River Monsters Jeremy Wade returns to Australia's deadly Fitzroy River. (S)(R)

12.20 Murder, She Wrote (S)(R) **1.20** Jackpot247 **3.00** Motorsport UK (S) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show (S)(R)

Channel 4



6.15 How I Met Your Mother (S)(R) **7.05 British GT Championship** (S) **7.35 Everybody Loves Raymond** (S)(R) **8.30 Frasier** (S)(R) **9.30 Sunday Brunch** With guests Shane Filan, Samantha Womack, Nicola Millbank and Rudimental. (S) **12.30 The Big Bang Theory** (S)(R) **1.30 FILM 10 Things I Hate About You (1999) (12)** (S) **3.25 FILM St Trinian's (2007) (12)** Comedy, starring Rupert Everett. (S) **5.30 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun** A former firefighter and his partner look for a new home on Spain's Costa Blanca. (S) **6.30 Channel 4 News** (S)

7.00 The Crossrail Discovery: London's Lost Graveyard Documentary revealing how Crossrail engineers uncovered a burial site on Liverpool Street in London. (S)(R)

8.00 Time Crashers The celebrities find themselves working in a Victorian fishery in 1885, where they have one day to fulfil a huge order destined for London's Billingsgate Market. (S)

9.00 This Is England '90 Lol, Woody and Milky revel in domestic bliss during the summer of 1990, while the rest of the gang embark on a journey they will never forget. Drama, starring Joe Gilgun. (S)

10.00 Big Fat Quiz of the 90s Jonathan Ross, Jo Brand, Sue Perkins, Lee Mack, Bob Mortimer and Richard Ayoade demonstrate how much they remember about the 1990s. (S) (R)

11.40 FILM Underworld: Rise of the Lycans (2009) (18) Fantasy horror prequel, starring Michael Sheen and Bill Nighy. (S)

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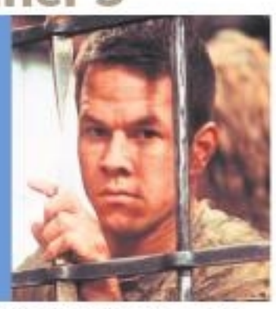

6.00 Milkshake! 9.45 SpongeBob SquarePants Double bill. Patrick and SpongeBob have to share a toy. (S) **10.20 Football League Tonight** Highlights and all the goals from the Championship, League One and League Two. (S)(R) **11.50 Ultimate Police Interceptors** (S)(R) **2.40 FILM Independence Daysaster (2013) (15)** Premiere. Sci-fi thriller, starring Ryan Merriman. (S) **4.20 FILM The Time Machine (2002) (PG)** Sci-fi adventure, starring Guy Pearce. (S) **6.10 5 News Weekend** (S) **6.15 FILM 2012 (2009) (12)** Disaster movie, starring John Cusack. (S)

9.00 Celebrity Big Brother: End of the World The ups and downs of life in the BB house as friendships and alliances are made, battle lines are drawn and arguments erupt. (S)

10.00 30 Greatest Disaster Movies A countdown of the most memorable disaster movies of the past 50 years, including Airport and Independence Day, with celebrities and fans talking about their favourite moments.

11.30 FILM Planet of the Apes (2001) (12) An astronaut crash-lands on a strange planet ruled by intelligent apes, who capture and enslave him. Tim Burton's sci-fi remake, starring Mark Wahlberg.

1.15 Come Dine with Me (S)(R) **1.45** Come Dine with Me (S)(R) **2.15** Come Dine with Me (S)(R) **2.40** Come Dine with Me (S)(R) **3.10** Come Dine with Me (S)(R) **3.40** Location, Location, Location (S)(R)

1.40 SuperCasino 3.10 Police Interceptors (S)(R) **4.00** House Doctor (S)(R) **4.25** Make It Big (S)(R) **4.50** Make It Big (S)(R) **5.15** Make It Big (S)(R) **5.45** Angels of Jarm (S)(R) **5.50** Angels of Jarm (S)(R)

DIGITAL

ITV2 SKY: 118 FV: 6
6.00 You've Been Framed! **6.25** Emmerdale **9.20** Coronation Street **12.20** Catchphrase Mother's Day Special **1.15** You've Been Framed! Funniest 100 **2.15** FILM: The Shaggy Dog (2006) (U) Comedy remake, starring Tim Allen. **4.20** The X Factor **5.50** The Xtra Factor **6.50** FILM: Twins (1988) (PG) Comedy, with Arnold Schwarzenegger and Danny DeVito. **9.00** The Xtra Factor **10.00** FILM: Scary Movie V (2013) (15) A couple seek the aid of paranormal researchers in getting rid of demonic forces surrounding their newborn son. Horror spoof sequel, with Ashley Tisdale and Simon Rex. Including FYI Daily. **11.50** Viral Tap **12.35** Reality Bites **1.15** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **1.40** Animal Practice **2.00** Ariana Grande: The Hot Desk **2.10** Teleshopping **5.40** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3 SKY: 119 FV: 10
6.00 Murder, She Wrote **6.50** FILM: Carry On Don't Lose Your Head (1966) (PG) Comedy, starring Sid James. **8.40** Heartbeat **10.50** Lewis **9.00** Sunday Night at the Palladium **10.00** Birds of a Feather **10.35** City Lights **11.35** Lewis **3.10** ITV3 Nightscreen **3.40** Emmerdale

BBC3 SKY: 115 FV: 7
7.00 Don't Tell the Bride **9.00** Russell Howard's Good News **10.00** FILM: The 51st State (2001) (18) An American drug dealer heads for Liverpool to make one last sale, with a hitwoman working for his old boss in hot pursuit. Action comedy, with Samuel L Jackson. **11.25** Russell Howard's Good News **11.50** Family Guy **12.35** American Dad! **12.55** Family Guy **1.20** Fried **1.45** Top Coppers **2.15** Girls Can Code **3.15** Russell Howard's Good News **3.45** Sunny D **4.00** Close

BBC4 SKY: 116 FV: 9
7.00 Last Night at the Proms from Around the UK **8.30** The Art of the Impossible: MC Escher and Me **9.00** Exposed: Magicians, Psychics and Frauds – Storyville **10.20** BBC: The Secret Files **11.20** Al Murray's Great British War Movies **12.20** Mumbai High: The Musical **1.20** Bought with Love: The Secret History of British Art Collections **2.25** A Very British Murder with Lucy Worsley **3.25** Close

E4 SKY: 136 FV: 28
6.00 Suburgatory **7.35** How I Met Your Mother **8.00** Baby Daddy **9.00** Made in Chelsea LA **10.00** Hollyoaks **12.30** Couples Come Dine with Me **2.35** Bad(ish) Robots **3.00** Rude(ish) Tube **3.30** The Goldbergs **4.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** FILM: Hanna (2011) (12) Action thriller, starring Saoirse Ronan. **11.10** Gogglebox **1.20** Young, Free & Single **2.25** How I Met Your Mother **2.45** Rules of Engagement **3.10** Hollyoaks

MORE4 SKY: 138 FV: 14
8.55 Kirstie's Fill Your House for Free **10.00** Help! My House Is Falling Down **11.00** Titchmarsh on Capability Brown **12.05** Penelope Keith's Hidden Villages **1.10** Gadget Man **1.40** Salvage SOS **2.40** Four in a Bed **5.20** Come Dine with Me **9.00** Car SOS **10.00** 24 Hours in A&E **12.10** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **1.10** Car SOS **2.10** 24 Hours in A&E **3.15** River Cottage Bites **3.35** Close

FILM4 SKY: 315 FV: 15
11.00 Destry Rides Again (1939) (U) Comedy Western, with James Stewart and Marlene Dietrich. **1.00** Home Alone 2: Lost in New York (1992) (PG) Comedy sequel, starring Macaulay Culkin. **3.20** The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader (2010) (PG) Fantasy adventure, with Georgie Henley and Skandar Keynes. **5.45** The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (2008) (12) Fantasy drama, starring Brad Pitt. **9.00** Men in Black II (2002) (PG) Sci-fi comedy sequel, starring Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones. **10.40** Man on a Ledge (2012) (12) Thriller, starring Sam Worthington. **12.45** Another Year (2010) (12) Comedy drama, starring Lesley Manville. **3.25** Close

DAVE SKY: 111 FV: 12
7.10 World's Most Dangerous Roads **8.00** Three Men in More Than One Boat **9.00** Traffic Cops **11.00** Storage Hunters **1.30** Storage Hunters UK **2.00** Storage Hunters **4.00** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **7.00** Traffic Cops **9.00** Have I Got a Bit More Old News for You **10.00** Parks and Recreation **11.00** Mock the Week **1.00** QI XL **2.00** 8 Out of 10 Cats **2.55** Crackanory **3.25** Live at the Electric **4.00** Close

SKY1 SKY: 106
6.00 Hour of Power **7.00** Are You Smarter Than a 10 Year Old? **8.00** Monkey Life **10.00** Modern Family **11.00** WWE: Raw **12.00** One Hundred and Eighty **2.00** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00** Futurama **6.00** The Simpsons **8.00** The Last Ship **9.00** Zoo **10.00** The Force: Manchester **11.00** Stop, Search, Seize **12.00** Hawaii Five-0 **3.00** Stella: Christmas Special **4.30** Nothing to Declare

SKY ATLANTIC SKY: 108
6.00 Smash **7.00** Friday Night Lights **8.00** Seinfeld **11.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **1.00** David Attenborough's Galapagos **2.00** The Petrol Age **3.00** Without a Trace **5.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Game of Thrones **11.00** FILM: Gangs of New York (2002) (18) Historical drama, starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Daniel Day-Lewis. **2.10** Aquarius **3.05** Nurse Jackie **4.10** Seinfeld

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How do you solve a scarecrow dilemma?

HAVE you ever been to a scarecrows' wedding?

Invitations are now out as Basingstoke's Haymarket stages 'The Scarecrows' Wedding' next weekend.

The children's book, by 'The Gruffalo' author Julia Donaldson, will be performed by Scamp Theatre Company on Friday, September 25, and Saturday, September 26.

Actress Muireann Bird told the Observer: "I think there's a real sense of joy with children that isn't always guaranteed in other forms of theatre.

"Children come with an openness and willingness to believe, which is really wonderful, and live theatre is absolutely unlike anything else.

"It's a shared experience that is different every time and it's just magic!

"I also think our show in particular allows the audience to really use their imagination, and I think that can only have a positive effect in the children's life as a whole."

The family fun production comes to Basingstoke after a successful run

By **James Richings**

of shows at this year's Edinburgh Festival.

Written and published by Julia Donaldson last year, the story focuses on the relationship between two scarecrows Betty O'Barley (Muireann Bird) and Harry O'Hay (Edward Day), who decide to get married.

However, when the farmer (Paul Brendan) replaces Harry with another scarecrow in Reginald Rake (also Paul Brendan), can Reginald persuade Betty that he is the scarecrow for her? Or will Harry return back in time to save his own wedding?

"It's definitely a show for the whole family!" Muireann said.

"I've had plenty of friends without children come to see the show and really enjoy it.

"I think the music is really lovely so that's certainly something for adults to enjoy. It's a very simple, truthful love story which is a universal theme."

She added: "It's always a joy to work from strong source material."

"There is also a responsibility to create work which is true to the original story.

"Julia Donaldson is such a brilliant author, we were very conscious of doing her story justice. She has seen the show and loved it, so thankfully that appears to be the case."

Tickets cost £10.50.

• *(from left) Performers Paul Brendan, Muireann Bird and Edward Day (picture by Steve Ullathorne)*

Sixth Sense tour

MAGICIAN, author and mentalist Luke Jermay will be at The Forge next Saturday, September 26.

The 30-year-old entertainer has written a total of 40 books during his career.

He is currently travelling around the country on his 'Sixth Sense' tour.

It is suitable for over 16s.

Next Saturday's show starts at 8pm, and tickets cost £17.

The Looters are up

COVER group The Looters will be performing a selection of '50s, '60s and '70s hits at the Fox and Hounds pub in Fleet this Friday, September 18.

The five-piece group will cover songs from the likes of Buddy Holly, The Who and The Beatles at the Crookham Road venue.

The gig starts at 9pm and entry is free.

Triple Aces

TRIPLE Aces will be at The White Horse pub in Alton this Friday, September 18.

The three friends will perform original tracks with a rock 'n' roll vibe, as well as a dash of country influences.

The gig is free entry.

It starts at 9pm and lasts until about Midnight.

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Comedy turns black for 'What the Butler Saw'

SATIRICAL black comedy 'What the Butler Saw' still retains the shock and scandal it did when Joe Orton's play was first performed in 1969.

Although its power to outrage and offend may have slightly dampened down in 2015, the performance still aims to coax a lot of laughs at The Haymarket.

Psychiatrist Dr Prentice interviews Geraldine Barclay for a vacant secretary role he is hoping to fill, but things get a bit unconventional when the eccentric doctor seduces her, and manages to persuade her to take her clothes off as part of the questioning.

To add to the puzzle, Dr Prentice's wife enters the room with fellow job applicant and secret lover Nicholas Beckett, who she has promised the job to.

"The play is a farce about farce," said Jenny Funnell, who plays Mrs Prentice in the production.

"It is an attack on authority, conventional morality and highlights the double standards in society and is therefore still very relevant today.

By **James Richings**

"And when I perform, I love seeing the audience's reaction, whether it's a gasp of shock or a roar of laughter."

'What the Butler Saw' is one of many plays written by Orton that offended some and entertained others.

His use of cross-dressing, sexual indiscretions and lewd puns in the play helped mould Orton as a controversial figure of the '60s.

But his career was short lived.

After his first published piece in 1959, he published 10 more plays before he was murdered in 1967, aged 34.

And the culprit was his friend, mentor, actor, and lover, Kenneth Halliwell, who afterwards took his own life.

"I have always loved Joe Orton and there are so many fabulous lines in the play. Mrs Prentice is a great part and enormous fun to perform," Jenny added.

'What the Butler Saw' is at The Haymarket from tomorrow, September 17, to Saturday, September 19.

Tickets cost £11 to £22.

• Jenny Funnell as Mrs Prentice

Mark Thomas

JOURNALIST, comedian and television presenter Mark Thomas will be at The Haymarket on Tuesday, September 22 with his 'Trespass' tour.

Starting at 8pm, the show will see Mark give his satirical response on various topics.

Tickets cost from £14 to £16, with the show suitable for over 16s.

Mixture of music

FLEET-BASED covers group Congakeyz will perform their own take on a diverse mixture of popular hits when they visit The French Horn pub in Alton this Friday, September 18.

Consisting of Gary Brown, Chris Jull, Dave Jull and Winston Eade, the foursome will perform songs from the likes of Prince, Cee-lo Green, Snow Patrol, Rihanna, and Stevie Wonder.

The free gig starts at 9pm.

Big Band night

THE BBC Big Band with Claire Martin OBE will take place at The Anvil next Friday, September 25.

The evening, starting from 7.45pm, will feature songs from iconic women in music from Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday and Peggy Lee.

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What's on | LISTINGS

Wed, Sept 16, 7.30pm
The Phoenix Theatre & Arts Centre, Bordon

SELMA

The film chronicles the tumultuous three-month period in 1965, when Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. led a dangerous campaign to secure equal voting rights in the face of violent opposition.

Friday, September 18, 1945hrs
The Anvil, Basingstoke

KILLER QUEEN

Thu Aug 6, 7pm
O2 Academy, Oxford
Jay Electronica

Thu, Sept 17 – Sat, Sept 19
The Haymarket, Basingstoke

WHAT THE BUTLER SAW

Fallen trousers, sexual indiscretions, mistaken identities and lewd puns abound in Joe Orton's riotous farce as characters lose the plot, their wits, and their clothes.

Thu, Sept 17, 7.45pm
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THE UKULELE ORCHESTRA OF GREAT BRITAIN-30 PLUCKING YEARS

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Tue, Sept 22, 8pm
The Haymarket, Basingstoke

MARK THOMAS-TRESPASS

Trespass carries on from where Mark's previous show 100 Acts of Minor Dissent left off. It is his usual odd mix of theatre, stand up, a dash of journalism, activism and a dollop of mayhem.
Mark asks the question: If the ramblers of the 1930s were here now what would they do to open up the cities? How do we turn the skyscrapers and corporate squares into our playgrounds? He sets out to try and carve a small space in the urban world where mischief and random chance can lurk. No one knows where this show is going to end up so join him on the journey.

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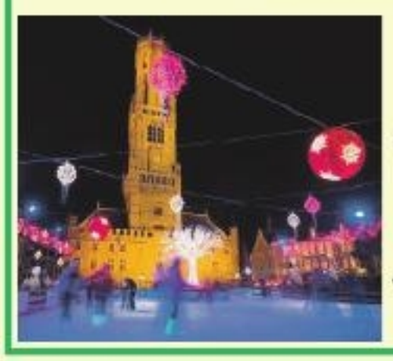
Bruges Christmas Market
plus optional visit to the Snow & Ice Sculpture Festival
Tuesday 24th November
Price: £49 per person.

Travel is by coach to Folkestone and return journey by Eurotunnel train via Calais. Bruges is a wonderful place to visit at Christmas. The town comes alive with sparkling lights, music and street entertainment.



You'll find the Xmas market in Grote Market, with its pretty, wooden chalets surrounding a glittering ice rink, where skaters swish and stumble in the shadow of the 83m-high belfry. Also worth visiting this year is the Snow & Ice Sculpture festival located at the station (entrance fee 15 euro) A passport is required for this day trip.

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Fiat 500 goes on sale in the UK

REVIEW: Fiat 500

By **James Richings**

FOLLOWING on from its release eight years ago, more than one million Fiat 500s have been sold around the globe.

So enthusiasts of the supermini will be pleased to hear the new Fiat 500 is now available to buy in the UK.

Retaining the unmistakable look that has made it a world best-seller, the new car hasn't grown in size but has grown in maturity with advanced technologies, improved efficiency, added customisation ideas and a refreshed exterior and interior.

No fewer than 1,800 changes have been made to produce the new 500, most of which have been made towards the front.

The bonnet has kept its traditional clamshell form, and a trapezoidal nose gives a more pronounced sharpness with the air vent now fed through a three-dimensional grille to give the car a stronger presence.

The interior of the Fiat 500 has not been left out.

The dashboard design now has the advanced Uconnect infotainment across the Fiat 500 range.

The unit is easier to read and more intuitive to use, but it also improves connectivity and functionality with steering wheel remote controls and USB/Aux-in ports.

The Fiat 500 Lounge model is equipped with the Uconnect five-inch Radio Live system which is a touchscreen unit, complete with Bluetooth hands-free calling and music streaming.

It also includes voice recognition and an SMS reader for reading text messages received on compatible devices, and this is available as a £250 option on Pop and Pop Star models.

The Uconnect system can be operated via a new steering wheel which features remote control buttons which are easier to operate.

The interior will give the driver and passengers great comfort as the front seats adopt a more user-friendly shape which is also available in nine colour combinations.

Further enhancements include a new lidded glove box on the passenger's side, revised centre console with new cup holders and a relocated 12V power socket.

Engineered to comply with the toughest standards, the 500 is now equipped with a popular 1.2 69bhp engine with 257mm front disc brakes for very effective and powerful braking, with the car also having seven airbags.

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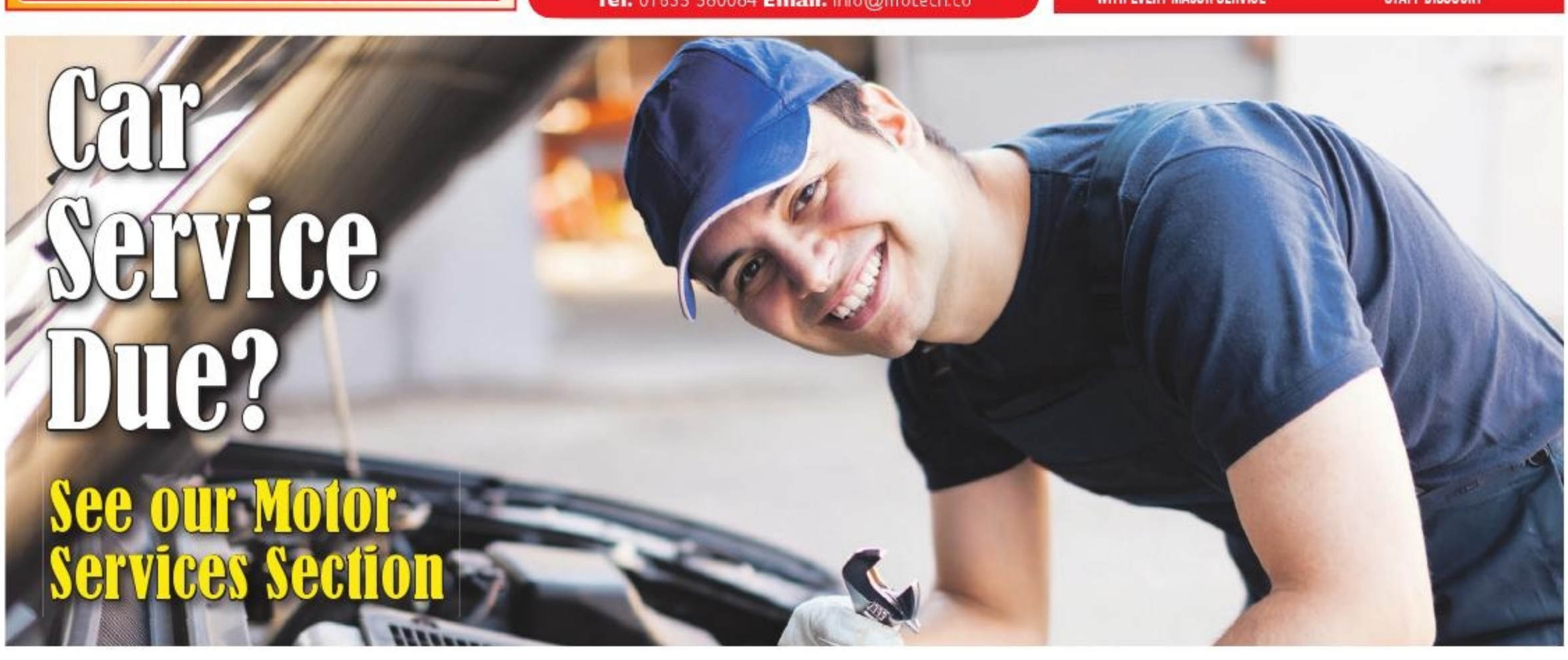

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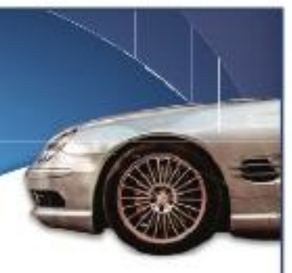

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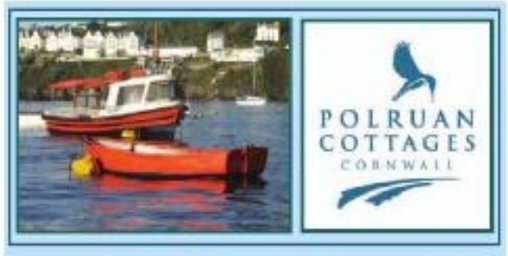

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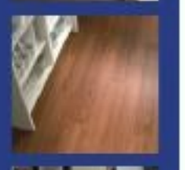

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Two players sign on to Herd roster

TWO new players signed two-way contracts with the Basingstoke Bison this week to bolster the English Premier League side's roster.

Forwards Danny Ingoldsby and Ryan Sutton have signed deals with the Herd after impressing head coach Doug Sheppard.

Ingoldsby will be no stranger to Bison fans after playing a part in the club's double winning team from the 2013/14 season.

The 18-year-old will split his time between playing for Basingstoke and English National Ice Hockey League (NIHL) side Wightlink Raiders.

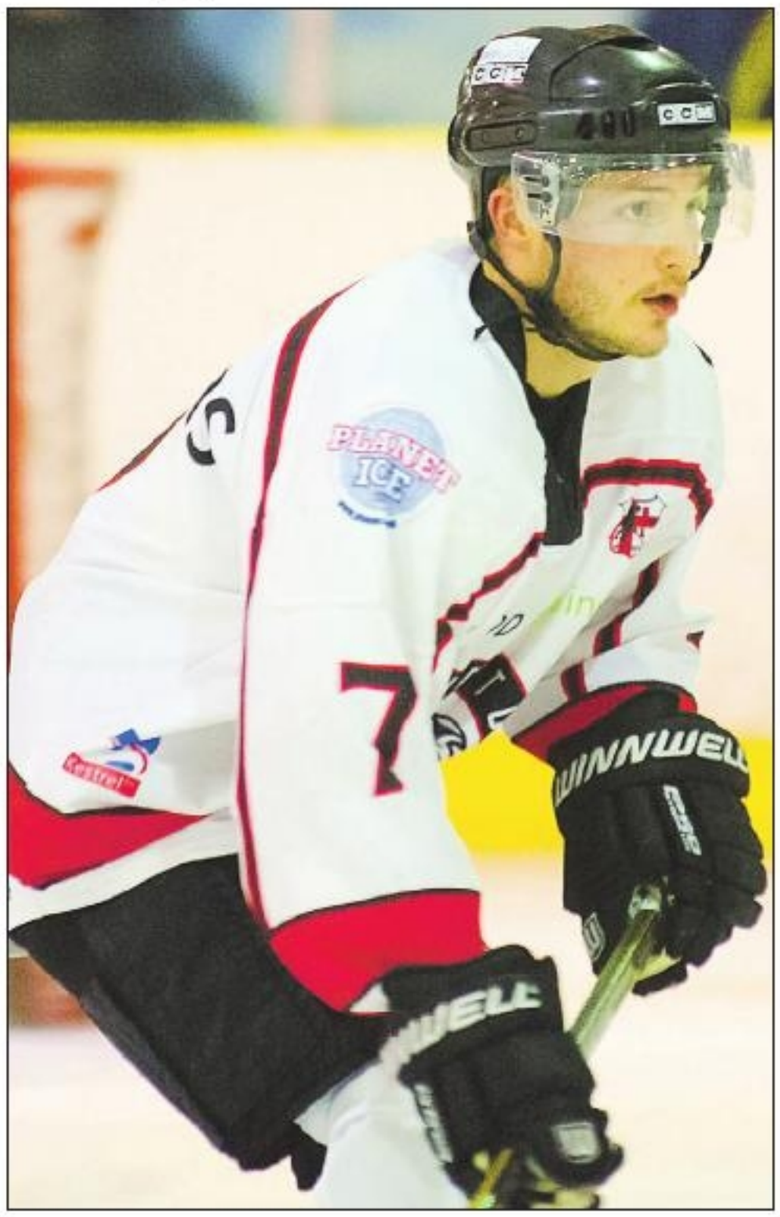
Ingoldsby played for both the Bracknell Hornets and Bracknell Bees last season, after making 54 appearances for the Herd – while he also made his international debut with the Great Britain under-18s team.

Basingstoke-born Sutton has been handed a contract with the Stampede after impressing during pre-season and in appearances for both Basingstoke Buffalo and Bison as part of the Basingstoke Junior development programme.

The 20-year-old will now be given the opportunity to train alongside Ingoldsby with the senior team as a result of the move.

Elsewhere, the club also revealed that summer signing Ralfs Circenis has been released from his contract with immediate effect, claiming that the decision was made "in the best interests for his development."

The 18-year-old British forward was only signed in July from NIHL side Solent Devils, having scored 16 goals and collected 27 points from his 28 games on the ice last season.



• An overtime goal from Kurt Reynolds (pictured) ensured Basingstoke Bison secured a 3-2 win over the Guildford Flames in the opening game of the English Premier League season (picture courtesy of grantkingphotography.com)

BASINGSTOKE Bison endured mixed fortunes on the first weekend of the season as they followed up victory on the opening day with a loss just 24 hours later.

An overtime winner from Kurt Reynolds ensured that the Stampede saw off fierce rivals the Guildford Flames 3-2 in dramatic style on Saturday at the Basingstoke Arena.

Doug Sheppard's side were immediately brought crashing back down to earth the following evening however, as they were beaten 5-3 by the Peterborough Phantoms on the road, having twice levelled the score.

The Herd went into Saturday's home tie in confident fashion, having beaten English Premier League rivals Guildford twice in their pre-season preparations the previous week.

And Basingstoke continued where they'd left off midway through the first period as Shaun Thompson latched onto a smart pass from Tomas Karpov before smashing the puck into the net to hand Bison their first goal of the campaign.

Ciaran Long flashed an almost identical chance just wide soon after, before Jens Eriksson punished the miss with five minutes of the period remaining to level the tie.

Both teams closed the first period out with four players on the ice, but neither could take advantage of the subsequent powerplay.

In fact the next goal came about with each side back to full strength, with Bison's Ryan

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Watt touching home from close range to put his side back in front again.

A superb piece of keeping from Tomas Hiadlovsky then prevented Eriksson from claiming his second from another powerplay, as the import goaltender robbed the puck from the forward when he was clean through.

There was nothing the Slovakian could do with five minutes of the clash remaining however as Kevin Phillips found the net to equalise and send the game into overtime.

But it was Bison who were to come out on top, as Watt laid the puck onto Reynolds to find the roof of Gregg Rockman's net two minutes after the restart to send the home fans wild.

The Herd got off to a terrible start the following evening in Peterborough however, as the Phantoms stormed into a 2-0 lead inside five minutes with goals from Craig Scott and Ales Padelek.

Two quickfire goals at the start of the second period from Declan Balmer and Karpov ensured that Bison levelled on the 26 minute mark.

Edgars Bebris and Joe Rand then exchanged goals to tie the game 3-3, before the hostspulled ahead with goals from James Ferrara and Darius Pliskauskas to condemn Bison to their first loss of the year.

Town's Ladies in seven heaven

BASINGSTOKE Town Ladies put down a massive marker of intent on Saturday as they swept Mansfield Road FC aside 7-0.

The Dragons opening day thrashing of their rivals ensured that they currently sit at the top of the Southern Region Women's Football League Premier Division standings.

Rob Quilton's side will look to build on the success of last season this time around, which saw them claim a third place finish in the league, while also securing the Southern Region League Chairman's Cup for the first time in the club's history.

Lindsey Beverley scored Town's only goal in May's final against Fleet Town, and the 'Stoke striker was on form again at the weekend as she hit a brace to see off the visitors.

Substitute Jessica Sotes stepped off the bench with an hour gone to find the net twice herself as the hosts ran riot.

And Josette Pearmine, Jemma Sharp and Katie Randell also got in on the act with a goal apiece to add gloss to the overall scoreline.

Next up for Basingstoke is a trip to Downend Flyers in the Women's FA Cup on Sunday, with Town next in action in the league at Woodley United seven days later.

Sport Bites

Basingstoke lose

RUGBY: Basingstoke RFC were comfortably beaten 34-0 by Tunbridge Wells in their last pre-season game ahead of the new season.

The home side's victory was secured in the final two minutes of the first half, as Alex Maynard, Tom George and Sam Newton all made it over the line to claim tries, with Oliver Allman converting two and adding a penalty.

And the fly half claimed two tries of his own in the second half, as Basingstoke were prevented from registering a single point of their own on the score board.

New manager Gareth Hatherley-Hurford will be hoping for better when he takes charge of his first league match in London South West Two on Saturday.

Basingstoke will travel to face Weybridge Vandals in the opener as they look to bounce back from successive relegations.

Buffalo on charge

ICE HOCKEY: Basingstoke Buffalo came out on top in their opening pre-season game on Saturday.

The National Ice Hockey League Division 2 South side overcame Division 1's Solent Devils 5-3 in a hard fought win.

Bison player Stuart Mogg scored twice in the first period after Buffalo fell behind to an early goal, with Ryan Sutton and Daniel Lackey then making it 4-1.

Solent replied with two finishes of their own either side of the buzzer, before new signing Warren Jones added another to secure the win.

Jam Boys lose

FOOTBALL: Whitchurch United were comprehensively beaten by fellow Wessex Premier Division side Newport 6-2 on Saturday.

The visitors were reduced to nine men during the second half of the clash, having levelled with the last kick of the half through Taureen Maunders to go in at 1-1.

Newport scored two quick-fire goals at the start of the half to pull ahead, before McCaulie Stubbs was shown a straight red for an off the ball incident.

Goal scorer Maunders was then given a second yellow card – prompting a flurry of goals from the hosts.

Brad Snelling converted a penalty with seconds remaining to cut the gap to four, but it proved to only be a consolation.

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NIGHTMARE START CONTINUES FOR TOWN

· Basingstoke Town captain David Ray made a rare mistake at the back during Saturday's 5-1 loss to Eastbourne Borough

BASINGSTOKE Town dropped to second from bottom this week after being embarrassed twice in the space of three days.

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Successive losses to Eastbourne Borough and St Albans City on Saturday and Monday respectively ensured that the Dragons stretched their winless run to 10 matches.

But it was the margin of the defeats that will have left manager Jason Bristow most worried, as his side were humbled 5-1 at home to Eastbourne, before then losing 3-0 at St Albans.

After showing great team spirit to twice come from behind to draw 2-2 at Hemel Hempstead Town in the previous game, Basingstoke would have gone into Saturday's clash at The Camrose with a sense of belief that they could turn round their nightmare start to the season.

A lot of that faith will have evaporated by 5pm later that day however, after a second half that saw them capitulate in front of their own supporters.

As has been the case so often this year, Town were unlucky to find themselves a goal down on the half hour mark, as Miguel Baptista's long-range volley against the run of play found the corner to give the visitors the lead.

That strike came after striker Chris Flood had been guilty of failing to make the most of several half chances, with Basingstoke appearing to control the game.

And Basingstoke remained in the tie without creating too much at the start of the second period, until a rare mistake from captain David Ray on the hour mark gifted visiting forward Elliot Romain a chance, with the resulting strike squirming through keeper Aaron Howe's legs to make it 2-0.

Jack Evans then crashed a wonderful effort in from 30 yards off the underside of the bar to make it three to Eastbourne on 69 minutes to effectively end the tie.

Striker Flood's header just seconds later from Tom Bird's centre saw Basingstoke peg one back to prompt their most dangerous spell of the game.

But two close range efforts from Gavin McCullum and Kane Haysman either side of the 90 minute mark ended any faint hopes to condemn Town to their heaviest loss of the season.

If anything, the loss at Clarence Park two days later was even more frustrating however, as they were put to the sword by a St Albans side that had gone into the match with just one win under their belts.

While Basingstoke struggled throughout to convert their dominance in possession into chances, the hosts capitalised on theirs in a match devoid of quality.

Louie Theophanous beat Howe at his near post from an angle on 13 minutes to hand St Albans the lead.

And the striker sealed the win in six devastating minutes on the hour mark, tapping home after earlier laying it on for Lewis Hilliard to curl the ball home on another bad night for Basingstoke.

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